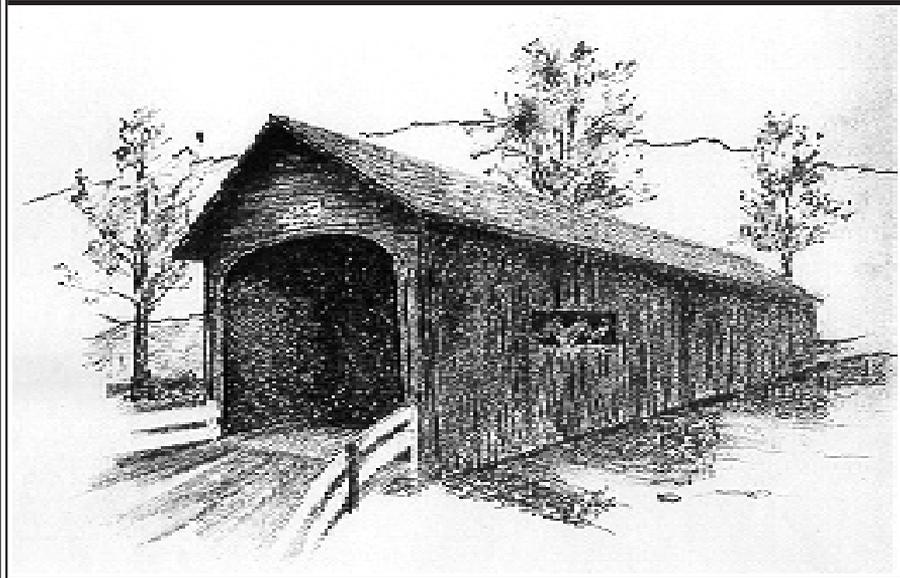


TOWN OF
GUILFORD
VERMONT

FISCAL YEAR
July 1, 2013-June 30, 2014



155th Annual Report

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

Monday	7:00 - 6:00
Tuesday-Thursday	7:00 - 5:00
Friday	Closed

REGULAR MEETINGS

Selectboard: 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, 6:30pm (unless it falls on a holiday, then the meeting will be the Wednesday immediately following at 6:30pm)

School Board: 1st and 3rd Monday of each month, 6:30pm

Firefighter's Meetings & Drills: every Tuesday, 6:30pm

Fire Department Trustees: 1st Monday of each month, 6:30pm

Fire Department Auxiliary: 1st Thursday of each month, 6:30pm

Historical Society: TBA

Library Trustees: 3rd Monday of each month, 6:30pm

Planning Commission: 3rd Wednesday of each month, 7:00pm

Conservation Committee: 3rd Thursday of each month, 5:00pm

Cemetery Commission: 3rd Thursday each month, 5:30pm

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Town Office 254-6857 (fax 257-5764)

Town Garage 254-2755

School 254-2271

Fire Dept. To report a fire 9-1-1

Burning Permits: 257-4365, or 254-1688

Other, non-emergency, business: 254-4413

Library 257-4603

Health Officers:

Dick Clark 451-8339

Deputy: Dolores Hale 257-5819

Deputy: Dan Ingold 254-9419

Constable & Dog Officer - Walter Thorn 257-8932, 380-8148

Dog licenses are due annually by April 1st. A current rabies certificate is required.

Library Hours: Tuesday 9:30am-6pm; Wednesday 1-8pm; Thursday 3pm-6pm; Saturday 9:30am-3pm.

Communities don't just stand on their own. There are the proverbial pillars that hold them up. Guilford lost one of those pillars this past December when Stuart Hunt passed away. The list of his service to Guilford and the state of Vermont is extensive and impressive: Selectman, Trustee of Guilford Fire Department, Trustee of Guilford Fair Association, Justice of the Peace, Member of the Board of Civil Authority, Representative to the State Legislature, Windham County Senator, and Legislative Liaison under Governor Richard Snelling. Stuart's passion for public service earned our utmost respect and deepest gratitude.

Pillars usually come in pairs, and that is certainly the case here. Barbara Hunt served on the Guilford School Board, and then became the first woman elected to the Guilford Select Board. While serving on the Select Board, the new position of Delinquent Tax Collector was established. Barbara had voted against it. Ironically, a year later she was appointed to the position and has held it for over thirty years. Barbara's unique combination of patience and persistence served the town and its coffers well. Barbara just retired at the end of the year. Word has it that she plans to spend more time reading by the stove on her sun porch, as well as visiting with her great grand babies. *B.T.*

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How to understand this report...

The Town of Guilford is administered by the selectboard using money raised by property taxes, grants, license fees, and State Aid to Highways. The Guilford Central School is administered by the school directors using monies from State Educational Funds, and a share of property taxes. Money to be expended is voted on by the townspeople on Town Meeting day.

In simplified terms, the amount of money necessary to run the town for the year is divided by 1% of the appraised value of property in town (or the “grand list”) to get the “tax rate”. See calculations on page 6.

Pages 7-13 show the selectboard’s revenue and expenditure figures, proposed and actual; and the proposed figures voted last year, and amounts proposed to be voted on this year. These amounts include all town and highway expenditures except for the school. Remember that a fiscal year takes its name from the ending year; that is, FY2014 is July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.

Then start many statements of revenues and expenditures and balances in the various Town Funds. Major effort has gone into clarifying accounts and separating out, or consolidating, various funds for better transparency.

The rest of the report is further detail of income and expenses, including the school section (pp 28-43); followed by a listing of, and reports by, organizations supported by the Town, listings of Town Officials, Vital Statistics, and Town (and School) Meeting Minutes, and Warnings.

AUDITORS’ STATEMENT

In Guilford, the elected auditors’ primary duties have been, for years, to put together the Town Report in an understandable and accurate manner, as well as do some verification of balances. Our work pulls information in from the Town Clerk & Treasurer, the Assistant Clerk, the Town Administrator, the Guilford School, the WSESU, along with all the organizations listed in this book.

This year the Town Office team has continued their excellent work bringing Town finances more into focus and realigning accounts. Katie Buckley, Town Administrator (through January 2015), has been a tremendous help to us and an asset for the town.

We are happy to welcome Rebecca Stone as new Town Administrator.

Town reports are complicated, and we try to present the information as clearly as possible. We welcome comments and suggestions; and also pictures of Guilford events, people, and places for next year’s Report.

Elly Majonen
Neil Quinn
Cathrine Wilken

SELECTBOARD REPORT

2014 was a very busy year for the Guilford Selectboard and 2015 promises to be as well. The biggest issue we faced was the Green River Bridge. We intended to do some planned maintenance and repairs to the bridge as well as to reconstruct the wing wall to the northwest of the bridge in the summer of 2014. But the state pulled the rug out from under us by changing their recommended “load rating” from 8 tons to 4 tons. This meant that most vehicles heavier than pick-up trucks couldn’t use the bridge. We ended up deferring the planned maintenance work on the bridge but did proceed with the wing wall project and, in the process, discovered significant weakness in the abutment under the west side of the bridge that needed to be dealt with right away. These tasks got done but the bridge had to be closed for several weeks causing a huge inconvenience to the residents across the river. Like true Vermonters, they banded together and made the best of a bad situation. After an exhaustive analysis of all the possible alternatives for access to the west side of Green River by an engineering firm, we decided to do the previously scheduled maintenance plus bring the bridge back up to an 8 tons load rating, hopefully during the summer of 2015, and we’re starting to investigate the feasibility of an alternate route to the west of the river.

This, and many other issues, such as the ongoing discussion about the value to Guilford of being a member of the Windham Solid Waste Management District (WSWMD), and the replacement in the not so distant future of the State of Vermont’s Route 5 bridge south of the Guilford Country Store, kept the Selectboard very busy.

We had mentioned in last year’s report that we intended to propose a merger of the Algiers Fire District and the Town of Guilford. We discovered that this will require a charter change, which is a lengthy process. Given the transition in the Town Administrator role, we decided to tackle that during FY16. The Town is



currently managing all the finances for the Fire District but the Prudential Committee is still meeting quarterly.

Speaking of the transition, stop in and say hello to Rebecca Stone, our new Town Administrator. She comes to us with a wealth of municipal experience and she has hit the ground running; we are glad to have her on board. We bid farewell to Katie Buckley at our November 10th meeting complete with a wonderful tribute from our poet laureate in residence, Verandah Porche.

One article that will be on the Town Meeting Warning is to vote whether or not to expand the Selectboard from three members to five beginning in 2016. Although the Selectboard agreed to put this issue in front of the voters, this does not mean all members of the Board endorse the idea. Reasons to consider this change: The work of the Selectboard has expanded significantly, including attending meetings of the Planning and Conservation Commission, Windham Regional Commission and Algiers Fire District, WSWMD, to name a few; overseeing capital improvement projects and the budget; doing the work involved in keeping up the ordinances, policies, and procedures for the town to run smoothly. Also there would be more diversity of opinions and viewpoints represented. Concerns about making the change include, would people run? Would meetings go too long? Would more actually get accomplished? We look forward to a lively discussion at Town Meeting.

Richard J. Clark, Chair
Troy Revis, Jr.
Anne Rider

TOWN CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT

The Town Clerk's Office recorded 548 documents, issued 19 marriage licenses, filed 13 births, 14 death certificates and 410 burial permits. We also issued 79 fish and game licenses. We processed 73 motor vehicle renewals for the state. 362 dog licenses and 4 special kennel licenses were also issued for FY14.

Just a reminder, as town clerk I am required by law to be the receiver and recorder of the town's archives. The clerk records deeds related to real estate and private property transactions and files vital statistics information records relating to town business. Proceedings of the annual and special town meetings are recorded and filed by the town clerk. As town clerk I am responsible for recording and preserving the town's public records. This includes such documents as land records, minutes, permits, plats, vital records, licenses, and election and tax information.

It is very important that you file your HS122 form (Homestead Declaration) in a timely manner, no later than April 15th. This applies regardless of any extension granted for your tax return. This form recognizes you as a resident of the town and your taxes are billed at a different tax rate than the nonresidential taxes. If you do not file this form, the state will contact you and then the town has to send you a revised tax bill. This causes a lot of time and money spent unnecessarily. Even if you do not file income tax you must file this form on an annual basis if you are a resident of the town.

I would like to remind dog owners to please get your dog tags by April 1 to

avoid late fees. Ideally you may come into the office to get a tag starting in the month of January.

This community has people who have dedicated their time and energy to make Guilford a place I am very proud to say is home.

Thank you again for allowing me to serve the town.

Penny Marine

REPORT OF THE LISTERS

Though we are not yet required to do a reappraisal, we are in the process of preparing for one. The market, after falling, has rebounded somewhat, leaving us about 7% off estimated market value. We feel enough time has passed since the last reappraisal to make the adjustment worthwhile. Our focus this year is on the Town's mapping. We have been looking into several local firms which do GIS mapping. The updated technology will allow us to keep our parcel maps updated more easily, have greater accuracy, and enhance our ability to access information on each parcel. We anticipate new wall maps in the office and in-office computer access to the new maps before the end of the current fiscal year.

Last year's rates were :

Homestead Ed.: 1.7868 + municipal .7155 = 2.5023 total rate

Non-Residential Ed.: 1.6401 + municipal .7155 = 2.3556 total rate

The education rates are set by the State, adjusted by local spending; the municipal rate is set by the Town.

The yearly state study is based on a 3 year span, so sales between April 1, '11 to March 30, '14 are used for the latest 2015 results. We have 1,099 taxable parcels, with 128 in Current Use programs. Total listed value is \$209,246,395 with \$1,600,300 of that total in Current Use.

Our CLA chart of assessed values/sale prices since the last reappraisal:

2005	122.0%	2010	81.8%
2006	103.0%	2011	82.4%
2007	93.0%	2012	85.0%
2008	86.0%	2013	92.37%
2009	81.5%	2014	93.19%

....meaning, assessed values are 93 % of estimated market value.

Our Dispersion Rate is 15.29% which indicates the average deviation from market value of sold properties.

On a final note, we want to remind all homeowners to **re-declare your Homestead to the State Tax Department each year, by April 15.**

Contact us at: 254-6857, ext 104, or guilfordlister@yahoo.com.

Lisa Barry
Jeremiah Sund
Dick Smith

CALCULATION OF TAXES
FOR FY2015

EXPENSES AS PASSED AT MARCH 2014 MEETING

Article 6	Highway	\$801,912.00
	TOTAL HIGHWAY	<u>\$801,912.00</u>
Article 7	Town	\$713,268.00
Article 8	Windham & Windsor Trust	1,200.00
Article 9	Guilford Cares	4,200.00
Article 10	Windham Regional Com.	3,857.64
Article 11	Guilford Library	28,000.00
Article 12	Guilford Vol. Fire Dept.	201,726.00
Article 13	Human Services	<u>18,880.00</u>
	TOTAL MUNICIPAL	\$971,131.64
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,773,043.64

	HIGHWAY	MUNICIPAL	
Expenses	\$801,912.00	\$971,131.64	<i>Expenses</i>
Other Revenue	<u>146,750.00</u>	<u>143,775.00</u>	<i>subtract Other Revenue</i>
To Be Raised	655,162.00	827,356.64	<i>result is To Be Raised</i>
Grand List	<u>\$2,084,201.55</u>	<u>\$2,084,201.55</u>	<i>divided by Grand List</i>
Tax Rate	\$0.3143	\$0.3970	<i>result is tax rate</i>

*Local Agreement Rate Calculations

VOTED EXEMPTIONS NON-RESIDENTIAL	VETERANS HOMESTEAD	VETERANS NON-RESIDENTIAL	
\$211,430.00	\$270,000.00	\$0.00	<i>Total exemptions</i>
2,114.30	2,100.00	0.00	<i>Grand List Value times 1%</i>
1.6401	1.7868	1.6401	<i>multiply by Education Rate</i>
\$3,467.66	\$4,824.36	\$0.00	<i>amount to be raised by taxes</i>
\$8,292.02			<i>total L/A amount to be raised by taxes</i>
\$0.0042			<i>division with G/L equals L/A tax rate</i>

["Local Agreement" properties are those given exemption or reductions from the tax rolls, such as the fire station, the Grange, or because of the military Veteran status of the owner. As voted by Town Meeting.]

HOMESTEAD	NON-RESIDENTIAL	
0.7113	0.7113	<i>Sum of both tax rates above</i>
1.7868	1.6401	<i>add State's Education rates</i>
0.0042	0.0042	<i>add Local Agreement rate*</i>
<u>\$2.5023</u>	<u>\$2.3556</u>	TOTAL TAX RATE

GENERAL FUND - REVENUES (003)

	FY14 BUDGET	FY14 ACTUAL	FY15 BUDGET	FY16 PROPOSED
TAXES				
Taxes - General	380,785.07	399,281.21	354,793.00	353,806.50
Taxes - Human Services	256,731.00	256,731.00	255,963.64	275,495.00
Taxes - Trans Out, SA	200,500.00	200,500.00	214,700.00	177,500.00
Taxes - Surplus	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Delinquent Taxes Interest	20,000.00	25,250.84	21,000.00	22,000.00
Delinquent Taxes Penalty	0.00	0.00	0.00	26,000.00
Insurance Credit	0.00	6.00	0.00	0.00
	858,016.07	881,769.05	846,456.64	854,801.50
AFD #1				
AFD #1 - Rev for Services	8,100.00	8,775.00	8,100.00	8,100.00
	8,100.00	8,775.00	8,100.00	8,100.00
LICENSES & PERMITS				
Liquor/Tobacco	0.00	70.00	0.00	0.00
Dog Licenses	2,200.00	1,932.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Poundkeeper Fees Collected	0.00	25.00	0.00	0.00
	2,200.00	2,027.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
STATE FUNDS				
Current Use Funds	75,000.00	94,775.00	80,000.00	100,000.00
Pilot Program	12,000.00	18,212.00	16,000.00	18,000.00
	87,000.00	112,987.00	96,000.00	118,000.00
TOWN CLERK FEES				
Legal Documents	9,000.00	9,868.00	11,000.00	9,500.00
Search & Copy Fees	3,500.00	4,102.75	3,500.00	3,750.00
Fish & Game Licenses	200.00	135.00	150.00	200.00
Vehicle Registration Fees	600.00	510.00	550.00	500.00
Marriage License Fee	100.00	170.00	150.00	150.00
Excess Weight Permits	100.00	90.00	100.00	100.00
Land Postings	100.00	105.00	125.00	125.00
Maps & History Books	100.00	125.00	150.00	100.00
Unanticipated Revenue	0.00	114.25	0.00	0.00
	13,700.00	15,220.00	15,725.00	14,425.00
INTEREST EARNED				
General Fund Int Earned	1,000.00	1,396.53	950.00	1,000.00
	1,000.00	1,396.53	950.00	1,000.00
TOTAL GEN'L REVENUES	970,016.07	1,022,174.58	969,231.64	998,326.50

GENERAL FUND - EXPENSES (003)

	FY14 BUDGET	FY14 ACTUAL	FY15 BUDGET	FY16 PROPOSED
SELECTBOARD				
Selectmen Stipends	3,900.00	3,900.00	3,900.00	3,900.00

	FY14 BUDGET	FY14 ACTUAL	FY15 BUDGET	FY16 PROPOSED
Town Administrator	43,000.00	44,818.73	44,300.00	44,300.00
Bookkeeper	29,000.00	30,550.20	0.00	0.00
FICA/MEDI - Employer	17,600.00	16,497.81	18,000.00	18,500.00
Retirement Fringe	8,650.00	7,690.77	8,600.00	8,600.00
Health Insurance	40,000.00	39,822.18	47,000.00	47,000.00
Dental Insurance	1,000.00	775.94	1,000.00	1,000.00
Unemployment	500.00	221.72	500.00	500.00
Vision Insurance	300.00	143.88	200.00	200.00
Disability Insurance	1,625.00	1,508.30	1,700.00	1,700.00
Transfer to HRA	8,000.00	8,000.00	22,200.00	24,000.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	426.74	0.00	0.00
Emergency Response	1,000.00	209.22	500.00	500.00
Advertising	1,000.00	955.56	500.00	1,000.00
Annual Training	750.00	555.00	850.00	850.00
Travel & Expenses	1,250.00	801.65	1,500.00	1,500.00
Green Up	150.00	171.00	150.00	150.00
VLCT	2,915.00	0.00	3,156.00	3,244.00
Rescue, Inc.	46,313.75	46,340.65	46,132.00	46,599.00
General Liability	12,700.00	15,327.50	16,928.00	17,081.00
Workers Comp.	610.00	669.00	750.00	750.00
Legal Services	1,500.00	75.00	750.00	750.00
Website	800.00	450.00	1,475.00	1,475.00
Office Supplies	3,500.00	3,206.41	3,500.00	3,500.00
Office Equipment	1,500.00	1,234.11	1,500.00	1,500.00
Office Equipment Contract	1,750.00	1,539.70	1,500.00	1,750.00
Postage	3,500.00	3,307.75	3,000.00	3,000.00
Technical Support	10,000.00	6,863.64	8,500.00	10,000.00
Office Repair/Maintenance	3,600.00	3,600.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Office Maint. - Grounds	1,260.00	1,260.00	1,260.00	1,260.00
Building Improvements	7,500.00	7,500.00	2,500.00	15,000.00
Electricity	1,500.00	1,316.75	1,500.00	1,600.00
Heating	3,500.00	2,770.95	2,750.00	3,000.00
Telephone	3,900.00	3,491.07	3,500.00	3,500.00
Abatements	500.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Vehicle Damage	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
	267,073.75	256,001.23	254,601.00	273,709.00
TREASURER				
Treasurer Salary	11,600.00	11,596.00	11,950.00	12,310.00
Salary - Asst. Treasurer	0.00	0.00	29,900.00	32,250.00
Annual Training	450.00	337.94	650.00	650.00
Travel & Expenses	500.00	475.60	600.00	600.00
	12,550.00	12,409.54	43,100.00	45,810.00
BCA				
BCA Stipend	300.00	0.00	300.00	300.00
Ballot Clerks/Moderator	350.00	185.06	400.00	400.00

	FY14 BUDGET	FY14 ACTUAL	FY15 BUDGET	FY16 PROPOSED
Election Tech Support	150.00	0.00	2,500.00	150.00
Tech Support	250.00	37.00	250.00	250.00
	1,050.00	222.06	3,450.00	1,100.00
TRANSFERS OUT				
Trans to GRCB Fund	25,000.00	25,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
Trans to Capital Fund	150,000.00	150,000.00	150,000.00	150,000.00
Transfer to FEMA Escrow	0.00	250.00	0.00	0.00
Trans to Waterline Fund	24,500.00	24,500.00	24,500.00	24,500.00
Trans to Record Preservation	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
	199,500.00	199,750.00	192,500.00	177,500.00
AUDITORS				
Auditors Wages	2,500.00	2,097.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Auditor Training	250.00	163.04	250.00	250.00
Town Report Postage	500.00	335.84	500.00	400.00
Single Audit	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Professional Audit	12,000.00	13,500.00	13,000.00	14,000.00
Town Report Printing	2,500.00	1,820.79	2,200.00	2,200.00
	27,750.00	17,916.67	18,450.00	19,350.00
LISTERS				
Listers Wages	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,750.00	26,000.00
Lister Course (State)	55.00	55.00	60.00	55.00
Consulting	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Travel Expenses	450.00	544.57	450.00	750.00
Software License	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,700.00
	27,705.00	27,799.57	28,460.00	29,005.00
TOWN CLERK				
Town Clerk Salary	34,800.00	34,788.00	35,850.00	36,925.00
Asst Town Clerk Wages	7,800.00	6,457.08	8,050.00	17,300.00
Record Preservation	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00
Annual Training	1,000.00	355.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Travel & Expenses	1,150.00	260.65	1,150.00	1,150.00
	46,750.00	43,860.73	46,050.00	56,375.00
PLANNING COMMISSION				
Planning Commission Exp.	1,000.00	1,012.74	1,000.00	1,000.00
	1,000.00	1,012.74	1,000.00	1,000.00
CONSERVATION COMMISSION				
Conservation Comm. Exp.	1,000.00	1,153.47	500.00	1,000.00
	1,000.00	1,153.47	500.00	1,000.00
CONSTABLE				
Constable Wages	1,000.00	592.50	1,750.00	1,000.00
Sheriff's Dept. Contract	4,000.00	3,999.96	4,000.00	4,000.00
Travel & Expenses	250.00	151.31	250.00	200.00
Cruiser Repairs	1,500.00	830.00	750.00	750.00
Equipment	200.00	181.73	200.00	200.00
	6,950.00	5,755.50	6,950.00	6,150.00

	FY14 BUDGET	FY14 ACTUAL	FY15 BUDGET	FY16 PROPOSED
POUNDKEEPER				
C/S Poundkeeper	2,555.00	2,675.04	2,555.00	2,700.00
Dog Officer	0.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
Boarding Fees	500.00	50.00	250.00	200.00
Veterinary Services	150.00	0.00	150.00	150.00
Travel & Expenses	300.00	264.86	300.00	300.00
Annual Training	0.00	120.00	0.00	120.00
Dog Damages	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
	<u>3,705.00</u>	<u>3,109.90</u>	<u>3,705.00</u>	<u>3,920.00</u>
HEALTH OFFICER				
Health Officer Wages	200.00	75.00	200.00	200.00
Supplies	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
Travel & Expenses	150.00	100.80	150.00	150.00
	<u>450.00</u>	<u>175.80</u>	<u>450.00</u>	<u>450.00</u>
SOLID WASTE				
Solid Waste Meetings	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00
WSWMD Assessment	25,451.32	25,451.32	27,757.00	29,310.00
Recycle Bin Site Rental	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00
	<u>27,001.32</u>	<u>27,001.32</u>	<u>29,307.00</u>	<u>29,660.00</u>
CEMETERIES				
Cemetery Maintenance	700.00	0.00	700.00	700.00
C/S Cemeteries	4,500.00	2,694.76	4,500.00	4,500.00
	<u>5,200.00</u>	<u>2,694.76</u>	<u>5,200.00</u>	<u>5,200.00</u>
DEBT SERVICE				
Town Interest	500.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
FD Bond - Principal	55,000.00	50,000.00	55,000.00	50,000.00
FD Bond - Interest	12,600.00	12,325.00	10,595.00	8,802.50
	<u>68,100.00</u>	<u>62,325.00</u>	<u>65,695.00</u>	<u>58,802.50</u>
COUNTY				
County Tax	16,100.00	12,479.00	13,500.00	13,500.00
	<u>16,100.00</u>	<u>12,479.00</u>	<u>13,500.00</u>	<u>13,500.00</u>
FIRE WARDEN				
Forest Fires	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
Fire Permits	300.00	143.00	250.00	200.00
	<u>400.00</u>	<u>143.00</u>	<u>350.00</u>	<u>300.00</u>
SPECIAL ARTICLES				
Invasive Species Mgmt	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00
	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
HUMAN SERVICES				
Windham Regional Comm.	3,775.00	3,775.00	3,857.64	3,957.00
Youth Services	1,605.00	1,605.00	1,605.00	1,605.00
Women's Freedom Center	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Morningside Shelter	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Fire Department	201,726.00	201,726.00	201,726.00	219,458.00

	FY14 BUDGET	FY14 ACTUAL	FY15 BUDGET	FY16 PROPOSED
Visiting Nurse & Hospice	5,800.00	5,800.00	5,800.00	5,800.00
RSVP	485.00	485.00	485.00	485.00
HCRS - Mental Health	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Senior Solutions	850.00	850.00	850.00	850.00
Guilford Free Library	27,000.00	27,000.00	28,000.00	29,000.00
Brattleboro Area Hospice	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
The Gathering Place	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Brattleboro Senior Meals	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00
Green Up Vermont	0.00	0.00	150.00	150.00
Windham-Windsor Housing	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	0.00
Brattleboro Area Drop-In	2,500.00	2,500.00	500.00	500.00
Early Education Services	850.00	850.00	850.00	850.00
AIDS Project of S. VT	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00
Connecticut River Transit	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
Guilford Cares	3,500.00	3,500.00	4,200.00	4,200.00
Windham Child Care Assoc.	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00
SEVCA, Inc	2,040.00	2,040.00	2,040.00	2,040.00
	256,731.00	256,731.00	257,863.64	275,495.00
TOTAL GEN'L EXPENSES	970,016.07	931,541.29	971,131.64	998,326.50

HIGHWAY FUND - REVENUES (009)

	FY14 BUDGET	FY14 ACTUAL	FY15 BUDGET	FY16 PROPOSED
HIGHWAY REVENUES				
Taxes - General	664,900.00	664,900.00	655,162.00	724,516.00
State Aid to Highways	135,000.00	146,485.88	145,000.00	145,000.00
Grants	0.00	153,276.00	0.00	0.00
Civil Fines	1,500.00	1,143.00	1,750.00	1,000.00
Scrap Metal	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Misc. Revenue	0.00	375.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL HWY REVENUES	801,900.00	966,179.88	801,912.00	870,912.00

HIGHWAY FUND - EXPENSES (009)

	FY14 BUDGET	FY14 ACTUAL	FY15 BUDGET	FY16 PROPOSED
GENERAL HIGHWAY				
Wages/General	125,850.00	99,891.59	125,850.00	129,615.00
FICA/MEDI	17,750.00	15,429.07	17,750.00	17,750.00
Retirement Fringe	11,000.00	10,336.86	12,000.00	12,000.00
Health Insurance	38,000.00	31,361.75	38,100.00	38,000.00
Dental Insurance	2,100.00	1,551.88	2,100.00	2,100.00
Unemployment	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Vision Insurance	575.00	287.76	575.00	575.00
Disability Insurance	1,925.00	1,481.27	1,925.00	1,925.00

	FY14 BUDGET	FY14 ACTUAL	FY15 BUDGET	FY16 PROPOSED
General Liability	15,200.00	16,156.00	17,452.00	18,371.00
Workers Comp. Insurance	9,000.00	10,090.50	11,110.00	13,480.00
Transfers Out to HRA	17,000.00	17,000.00	83,500.00	28,000.00
Gravel	40,000.00	43,849.50	40,000.00	40,000.00
Chloride	14,000.00	12,068.40	14,000.00	14,000.00
Guard Rails	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
Culverts	5,000.00	5,934.37	5,000.00	5,000.00
Rental Equipment	3,500.00	1,666.66	3,500.00	3,500.00
Rental Trucks	2,000.00	1,237.26	2,000.00	2,000.00
C/S Tree Removal	5,000.00	500.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Retaining Walls	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
	328,900.00	268,842.87	395,862.00	352,316.00
RETREATMENT				
Materials	160,000.00	309,168.17	100,000.00	160,000.00
	160,000.00	309,168.17	100,000.00	160,000.00
WINTER				
Wages/Winter	92,300.00	100,495.23	90,000.00	95,000.00
Sand	30,000.00	25,782.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
Salt	18,000.00	22,287.63	18,000.00	25,000.00
	140,300.00	148,564.86	138,000.00	150,000.00
BRIDGES				
Plank & Railings	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Painting	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
Covered Bridge	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
Trans Out Bridge Fund	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	60,000.00
	34,500.00	25,000.00	28,000.00	69,500.00
TOWN GARAGE				
Operating Supplies	5,500.00	7,845.05	5,500.00	5,500.00
Heat (Fuel Oil)	7,000.00	8,759.75	7,000.00	7,000.00
Signs & Posts	4,000.00	889.45	4,000.00	4,000.00
Small Tools & Equipment	3,000.00	1,366.93	3,000.00	3,000.00
Safety Equipment	2,000.00	2,598.22	2,000.00	3,000.00
Telephone	1,750.00	1,833.62	2,250.00	2,500.00
Radios & Radio Repairs	700.00	748.15	700.00	700.00
Building Maintenance	2,500.00	2,108.05	2,500.00	2,500.00
Hazardous Waste Disposal	4,000.00	651.36	3,600.00	1,000.00
Electricity	2,750.00	2,897.19	4,500.00	4,500.00
	33,200.00	29,697.77	35,050.00	33,700.00
TOWN EQUIPMENT				
Diesel	50,000.00	51,308.70	50,000.00	50,000.00
Repairs	55,000.00	410.61	55,000.00	55,000.00
Repairs - 1998 Int'l	0.00	4,206.02	0.00	0.00
Repairs - 2004 Int'l	0.00	7,721.19	0.00	0.00
Repairs - 2006 Int'l	0.00	7,714.93	0.00	0.00

	FY14 BUDGET	FY14 ACTUAL	FY15 BUDGET	FY16 PROPOSED
Repairs - 2011 F550	0.00	2,776.81	0.00	0.00
Repairs - 2012 Int'l	0.00	5,138.61	0.00	0.00
Repairs - 2002 Tractor	0.00	1,708.88	0.00	0.00
Repairs - 2004 Grader	0.00	11,288.53	0.00	0.00
Repairs - 2008 Backhoe	0.00	14,187.92	0.00	0.00
Repairs - 2010 Loader	0.00	950.69	0.00	0.00
Repairs - 2012 F550 1-ton	0.00	930.80	0.00	0.00
Repairs - 2013 Tractor	0.00	1,807.67	0.00	0.00
	105,000.00	110,151.36	105,000.00	105,000.00
TOTAL HWY EXPENSES	801,900.00	891,425.03	801,912.00	870,516.00

CAPITAL FUND (004)

The Capital (Projects) Fund was established to account for financial resources to be used for the purchase of major facilities and equipment. In the General Fund's (003) annual budget, the Town sets an amount to be "transferred out" to the Capital Fund for future expenditures for the purposes mentioned above. Managing its money in this way enables the Town to minimize its debt whenever possible. This in turn saves the Town's money.

A major planning tool for the Capital Fund is a rolling schedule for equipment replacement. Based on the piece of equipment, it is used for a set number of years and then replaced according to this schedule. It allows for the maximum amount of benefit (higher trade-in value, use of warranty, and lower costs of repairs, more time in use (not in the shop) at the lowest cost.

	CAPITAL RESERVES
Balance July 1, 2013	\$79,737.48
REVENUES	
Sale of Equipment	38,000.00
Interest Earned	19.60
	<u>\$38,019.60</u>
EXPENDITURES	
Capital Project	(\$177,707.00)
Town Office Expense	(1,000.00)
Library	(9,750.00)
	<u>\$188,457.00</u>
Operating Transfer In	\$150,000.00
Transfer In: Buildings	5,655.98
Balance June 30, 2014	<u>\$84,956.06</u>

BRIDGES RESERVE FUND (011)

For future care of Guilford bridges.

Balance July 1, 2013		\$95,422.98
Transfer In	<u>25,000.00</u>	
Balance June 30, 2014		<u>\$120,422.98</u>

GREEN RIVER BRIDGE RESERVE FUND (012)

Reserved for the Green River Covered Bridge.

Balance July 1, 2013		\$67,458.23
Transfer In	25,000.00	
Balance June 30, 2014		\$92,458.23

REVOLVING LOAN FUND (006)

The Guilford Housing Rehabilitation Program is to improve and to maintain the housing and quality of life of low and moderate income residents of the Town of Guilford. The program was first implemented in Algiers for sewer connections from existing eligible structures to the Algiers Fire District collection system.

The principal and interest payments that represent program income received from the Agency Fund portion of the loan will be directed to the Program account. These monies will create a revolving loan fund account to continue a Town-specified program for failed septic systems or other housing rehabilitation work.

Balance July 1, 2013		\$18,839.16
MM Interest	18.85	
Revolving Loan Interest	0.00	18.85
Balance June 30, 2014		18,858.01
Available for Loan June 30, 2014		\$18,858.01

RERP GRANT FUND (008)

The Radiological Emergency Response Plan Program (RERP) is administered at the State level by Vermont Emergency Management (VEM): they are responsible for planning, training and response to an incident at the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station in Vernon, VT. Each year, the Town of Guilford receives an RERP grant from VEM to fund our Emergency Management Director and the operations of our Emergency Operations Center based in the Guilford Fire Station.

Balance July 1, 2013		\$4,649.80
Revenues		
Van Sale	500.00	
RERP Grant	34,283.18	34,783.18
Expenditures		
RERP Grant Expenses	(29,517.00)	
EM Annual Fund Expenses	(3,212.67)	
Pagers and Officer	(1,614.76)	34,344.43
Balance June 30, 2014		\$5,088.55

REAPPRAISAL FUND (302)

Each year the State of Vermont allocates money to Vermont towns to be reserved for their town-wide reappraisals. This money is carried over from year to year, building a pool of money, so that when the time arrives for Guilford to reappraise its properties

enough funds will be there to significantly relieve the burden on our tax payers.

Balance July 1, 2013		\$122,191.86
Revenues		
DDGL Study & Reappraisal	10,573.50	
From General Fund	12,983.32	
Interest Earned	17.88	23,574.70
Balance June 30, 2014		\$145,766.56

LISTERS EDUCATION FUND (301)

Each year the State of Vermont allocates money to each Vermont town to be reserved for Listers' education. This money is carried over from year to year so that Listers will have the funds necessary to pay for their training, thus allowing them to keep current in their field.

Balance July 1, 2013		\$2,757.85
State of Vermont Allocation	394.15	
Expenses	(1,867.29)	(1,473.14)
Balance June 30, 2014		\$1,284.71

SWEET POND DAM (550)

In April, 2011 the Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation, a division of the State of Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, drained Sweet Pond, deeming that the Sweet Pond Dam was unsafe. In response to this decision, a steering committee formed to urge the State to rehabilitate the Dam, instead of removing it, so that Sweet Pond could once again be restored as a significant natural and recreational resource for not only the residents of Guilford but for a much broader group of visitors. The steering committee has successfully fundraised to show the State our community's commitment to restoring our Sweet Pond. The Sweet Pond Fund represents the money raised to date for this effort.

Balance July 1, 2013		\$7,062.59
Donations	204.79	204.79
Balance June 30, 2014		\$7,267.38

250TH CELEBRATION FUND (300)

This fund was created to manage the donations and expenses associated with our year-long celebration in 2011. Remaining funds will be disbursed to local organizations by the committee.

Balance July 1, 2013		\$548.72
Donations	20.00	
Expenses	(518.49)	498.49
Remainder		50.23
Balance June 30, 2014		\$450.23

PRESERVATION FUND (206)

During the 2010 Town Meeting the voters decided to establish a municipal records reserve fund in accordance with 24 V.S.A., §2804 for the restoration, preservation, conservation, and computerization of municipal records to be funded by revenues of \$4 per page (as decided by the Selectboard) received from recording fees established under 32 V.S.A., §1671(a)(1) and (6) of this section. A portion of the proceeds generated for this fund are used to pay for the expense of the digital land records scanning system used by the Town Clerk.

Balance July 1, 2013		\$10,564.98
Preservation Fees	6,532.00	
Interest Earned	1.09	
From General Fund	560.99	7,094.08
Expenses	(8,299.18)	(8,299.18)
Balance June 30, 2014		\$9,359.88

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS

Trustees: Todd Mandell, Penny Marine, Don McLean

The Trustees of Public Funds are responsible for the management of the five funds listed below. The trustees receive money from benefactors when the fund is created and assure that it is properly invested and the principal is maintained. The trustees disburse the interest from the funds yearly as directed by the original benefactors.

C.P. WOOD FUND (205)

This is a permanent fund of \$5,370.50. The income is to be used for town purposes.

Balance July 1, 2013		\$5,370.50
Prior Years' Interest	18.65	
FY14 Interest	.55	19.20
Disbursements:		
Town of Guilford	(19.20)	(19.20)
Balance June 30, 2014		\$5,370.50

AURELIA D. TAFT FUND (204)

This is a permanent fund of \$10,800.00. The income is to be used for care of Cemetery Road, then other town highways.

Balance July 1, 2013		\$10,800.00
FY13 Interest	38.48	38.48
Disbursements:		
Town of Guilford	(38.48)	(38.48)
Balance June 30, 2014		\$10,800.00

MRS. C.A. KING & JOHN LYNDE FUND (203)

This is a permanent fund of \$1,000.00. The income is to be used for support of Guilford Schools.

Balance July 1, 2013		\$1,000.00
FY13 Interest	3.57	3.57
Disbursements:		
Town of Guilford School District	(3.57)	(3.57)
Balance June 30, 2014		\$1,000.00

MRS. C.A. KING FUND (202)

This is a permanent fund of \$1,000.00. The income is to be used for the care of the King Cemetery Lot, with the balance for support of Guilford Schools.

Balance July 1, 2013		\$1,000.00
FY13 Interest	3.57	3.57
Disbursements:		
Town of Guilford School District	(3.57)	(3.57)
Balance June 30, 2014		\$1,000.00

LT. COL. CHARLES L. BULLOCK & MRS. MARY ELLEN BULLOCK
EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND (207)

This was originally a permanent fund of \$10,000.00, which was increased by additional contributions from the Bullock estate between 1990 and 2009, resulting in a permanent fund of \$100,000. The income from interest is to be used to “allow Guilford students to attend any two- or four-year institution of higher education, including technical school and post-graduate work.”

Initially, the Bullock family had designated this as a Loan Fund. In 2009, the family requested it be reclassified as a Scholarship Fund, as of January 1, 2010.

As reported last year, your Trustees decided to move the principal from a commercial bank account, which was generating negligible interest, into investments, which we determined to be allowable under Vermont Statute. In 2013, we opened an account with Edward Jones Company. After consultation with their financial advisor, the Trustees agreed to place the Fund in a portfolio of five broadly-based mutual funds, on which income is projected to represent a return of at least 3.5% per year. In order to initiate this investment, we had to incur an up-front, one-time fee. We were fortunate to enter the market at a good time, and within months the funds had already earned enough to re-pay the fee.

By early 2014, with appreciable returns already booked, the Trustees met with our Edward Jones advisor and decided to remove \$8,000 from the investments into a safe-keeping money market account at Jones, to begin to provide several years of guaranteed disbursements to the Scholarship Committee to award at their discretion (see their report, following.)

The financial figures in this report illustrate the preservation of the permanent fund amount and the growth above that level allowing for at least several years of scholarship funding.

Balance July 1, 2013		\$98,737.81
Revenues		
Dividends	4,256.18	
Gain/(Loss)	10,578.17	
Concentration	185.13	

Interest Earned	.15	15,019.78
Expenditures		
Scholarships	0.00	0.00
Balance June 30, 2014		\$113,572.13

BULLOCK EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

This Fund receives the interest from the Bullock Educational Scholarship Fund. A committee awards scholarships to assist deserving Guilford students with the costs of attending college and post-graduate educational institutions. The committee members are Laura Lewis, Stephanie Case, and Kathryn Karlan-Mason. Recipients are selected by the committee through an application process based on such criteria as achievement in high school, service to the community, and goals for higher education and future career. There were five \$400 dollar scholarships given out this year. Recipients were; Adam McPhail, Hannah Lynde, Heather Franklin, Tilden Remerleitch and Kyle Patno.

BIRDIE COOK FUND (200)

Trustee: Penny Marine

Voted at the 1950 Town Meeting, the income from this account, after it reached \$1,500, was to be available to the Selectboard to use at their discretion.

Balance July 1, 2013		\$2,377.80
Interest	0.24	
Balance June 30, 2014		\$2,378.04
Available for use by Selectmen		\$878.04

BRAINARD S. GALE FUND (201)

Trustee: Penny Marine

Originally Good Boy Fund set up by John E. Gale in memory of Brainard S. Gale (born July 22, 1869). Given in August 1963 by Richard E. Gale and John C. Gale. The income to be used to purchase books or educational materials for Guilford School Library. Withdrawal to be made at the discretion of the Town Clerk.

Balance July 1, 2013		\$337.64
Interest	0.00	
Balance June 30, 2014		\$337.64

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS (005)

Interest from these Primary funds to be divided equally between the Town and care of Guilford cemeteries.

Primary Cemetery Fund		
Balance July 1, 2013		\$15,559.42
Dividends	141.75	
Interest Earned	6.99	
Sales of Plots	0.00	

Gains/(Losses), Investments	1,833.50	
Cemetery Expenses	(341.75)	
Net Change		1,640.49
Balance June 30, 2014		\$17,199.91

WEATHERHEAD HOLLOW CEMETERY

This cemetery, on Carriage Road, was turned over to the Town, along with its endowment, in FY09.

Balance July 1, 2013		\$6,791.91
Dividends	48.56	
Interest Earned	2.45	
Gains/(Losses), Investments	630.20	
Cemetery Expenses	0.00	
Net Change		681.21
Balance June 30, 2014		\$7,473.12

WARREN WILDER FUND

This fund, established for the care of the Blanchard Cemetery, was incorporated into Town Cemetery Funds last year. Any unused portion of the interest is to be used for the care of other cemeteries in town.

Balance July 1, 2013		\$4,823.78
Dividends	53.70	
Interest Earned	.72	
Gains/(Losses), Investments	501.70	
Cemetery Expenses	(45.00)	
Net Change		511.12
Balance June 30, 2014		\$5,334.90
Total All Cemetery Trust Funds		\$30,007.93

INSURANCE ON BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT

BUILDINGS & LAND

Town Garage (Old) – building & contents	\$38,810
Town Garage (New) – building & contents	592,834
Fuel Storage Shed – building & contents	27,728
Generator Shed – building & contents	12,739
Salt Shed – building & contents	39,198
Chloride Storage - 6,000 gals	8,617
Sand Shed – building	93,976
Library – building & contents	231,204
Museum (Old Town Hall) – building	227,216
Town Office – building & contents	472,523
Green River Covered Bridge	807,847
Lot next to Grange	25,000
TOTAL	<u>\$2,578,692</u>

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT	(cost new)
1993 Morbark EZ Chipper	\$17,600
1998 International Dump (2574)	38,000
2000 Ford Crown Victoria	2,000
2002 Ford E-350 Minibus - Wheelchair Access	3,550
2004 International Dump Truck (7600)	109,685
2006 International Dump Truck (7600)	162,465
2007 Quality Trailer	1,350
2008 Caterpillar Backhoe (430E)	134,000
2010 John Deere Loader (524K)	194,000
2011 Ford F-550 Dump	84,000
2012 International Dump (7600)	187,500
2012 Ford F-550 Dump	99,000
2013 John Deere Tractor - 5100M	66,059
2011 Ver-Mac Portable Message Signs (2)	34,000
2013 Caterpillar Grader (12M2AWD)	340,000
TOTAL	<u>\$1,473,209</u>
FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDING & EQUIPMENT	(cost new)
Fire Station - building & contents	\$751,745
2006 KME Pumper/Tanker	269,000
1995 Ford F-800 Pumper	98,000
2013 GMC Sierra Crewcab 2500 Utility Truck	48,000
1997 Ford F-350 Brush Truck	15,000
2005 Pace Cargo Trailer	4,700
2000 Honda Rubicon ATV	6,000
2008 Pierce PUC Pumper	350,000
TOTAL	<u>\$1,532,448</u>

(As of September 1993 all school insurances were combined with WSESU to save on premium costs. The Guilford Fire Department carries VLCT insurance though the Town, and reimburses the Town for premiums.)

TOWN ORDINANCES

The following are the Ordinances which are in effect in the Town of Guilford:

- Ordinance Regulating All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs)
- Flood Hazard Area Bylaw
 1. Permit Requirements
 2. Flood Plain Map
- Highway Ordinance (to be revised)
 1. Driveway Standards and Permit
 2. Town Highway Specifications and Classifications
 3. Town Trails and Pent Road Regulations
- Ordinance for Road Naming and Road Addressing
 1. Numbering System
 2. Road Signs



- Traffic Ordinance
 1. Speed Limits
 2. Parking Regulations
 3. Traffic Signs and Control Devices
- Ordinance for Regulating Telecommunications Facilities
 1. Permit Requirements
 2. Design Requirements
- Ordinance for the Control of Dogs
 1. Licensing Requirements
 2. Impoundment Fees
- Sewer Ordinance Relating to Individual and Multi-Unit On-Site Sewer Disposal
 1. Systems Required
 2. Permit Requirements
- Trailer Park Ordinance
 1. Fees
 2. License Application and Requirements

The following ordinance is that of the Algiers Fire District #1 in the Village of Algiers in Guilford.

- Ordinance Regulating the Use of Public and Private Sanitary Sewerage Systems

These ordinances are available in the Town Offices during regular business hours for inspection, or copies are available for a nominal fee.

DELINQUENT TAX REPORT

Barbara M. Hunt, Tax Collector

July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014

YEAR	RECEIVED FOR COLLECTION	COLLECTED	ABATED	BALANCE
2005	\$77.61	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$77.61
2006	1,097.71	336.96	0.00	760.75
2007	2,704.53	1,563.59	0.00	1,140.94
2008	5,936.08	1,712.33	0.00	4,223.75
2009	10,868.47	3,362.81	0.00	7,505.66
2010	30,368.78	8,046.97	0.00	22,321.81
2011	54,713.38	15,443.25	0.00	39,270.13
2012	88,760.96	27,453.53	0.00	61,307.43
2013	374,459.81	290,958.99	0.00	83,500.82
TOTAL	\$568,987.33	\$348,878.43	\$0.00	\$220,108.90

INTEREST \$25,745.42

TOTAL COLLECTED \$374,623.85

Delinquent Tax Collector's Fees (8% penalty) \$26,482.81

DELINQUENT TAX LIST

as of June 30, 2014

	2013	2012	2011	PREVIOUS YEARS
* Ahonen, Diane	587.75			0.00
** Baranoski, Roger P & Denise M	1,772.20			0.00
Bly, Valerie V	2,438.60			0.00
* Boyd, James & Brenda	351.23	618.35	667.81	3,076.15
** Boyd, Kenneth	2,597.73	2,776.37	180.59	0.00
* Boyd, Norman	8,867.35	9,095.08		0.00
Brescia, Anthony M et al	136.39	145.74	157.46	1,034.88
** Bump, Lucile	115.83	3,627.17		0.00
Chapin, John	179.36	173.83	494.41	0.00
* Clark, Erika A	5,607.57			0.00
* Dana, William A & Thomas A	1,002.74	1,071.75	1,247.26	4,773.64
** Dykema, Annette S & Jere H	840.10			0.00
* Gaines, Joel E	2,600.51			0.00
** Garland, Beatrice F & Merton L	1,980.79			0.00
** Garland, Merton & Beatrice	3,788.82		4,123.42	0.00
* Gorman, Robert	2,325.66	2,482.45	2,673.46	7,762.03
Hannan, E Connor	3,350.21	3,580.74		0.00
Hanson, Shiela A	3,249.38	3,472.85	3,749.19	6,415.73
Harris, Shane M & Melanie D	699.65	747.83		0.00
** Hittle, Thomas & Maria	1,221.47	1,305.48	1,409.50	693.71
* Hodgdon, Wilson M & Anna J	4,081.07	4,553.76	5,664.21	2,235.93
* Howe, A Lyle Jr	960.30	762.23		0.00
* Kaiser, Kip & Karen A	886.33	947.17	294.50	0.00

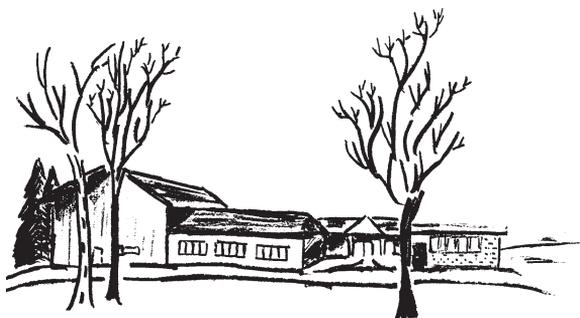
** Kruh, Jeffrey L	775.65			0.00
LaMorder, Mark E & Melissa D	651.86			0.00
** Lashaway, Belinda	301.82			0.00
Lee, Barbara J	5,608.61			0.00
* Lee, Erwin H & Marie S	1,289.63	1,378.25	1,487.91	1,184.62
* Lucies, Frederick A	5,266.53	5,752.17	5,166.66	0.00
Mayotte, Charles A Sr & Susan W	4,702.65	5,026.08	3,975.52	0.00
McAllister, Garnold H & Nina E	2,775.30	3,031.26	3,321.04	9,333.38
** Newton, Scott C	3,687.73	3,941.30		0.00
Norwood, Joseph Kenneth	2,330.74			0.00
** Petraske, Alan	4,916.47			0.00
Posson, Deborah	3,735.64	3,188.86		0.00
Rossi, Elizabeth C, Paul, Peter	3,952.21	2,845.43	5,363.75	0.00
** Roy, Noreen S		631.03		0.00
Shippee, Irene J & Norris W			1,246.95	0.00
Shippee, Parrish	1,948.72	2,082.81	2,248.52	7,083.16
* Silver, Constance	1,903.27	1,384.19		0.00
** Slade, Eric J & Christina M	4,128.16			0.00
** Speulstra, Gerrit & Eldridge, C	1,465.79	1,566.50		0.00
St John, Terry & Debbie		3,967.73	4,725.34	6,588.35
** Stinchfield, Jessamyn E				207.10
Taschereau, Karen	1,280.61	1,398.60	1,532.50	2,853.41
* Weeks, Gerald	1,605.29	3,745.77		0.00
Winchester, Ralph	5,375.07	5,744.69	4,515.55	0.00
Wohnus, William H Living Trust	6,172.74	1,270.00	7,556.00	0.00
** Woods, Rz D	3,397.95	3,631.63	3,920.75	2,535.47
* Wright, Jeanette T	2,857.64	3,054.31	2,603.47	0.00
	\$119,771.12	\$89,001.41	\$68,325.77	\$55,777.56
Total Delinquent Taxes	\$332,875.86			

* Partial payment as of 1/22/15

** Paid in full as of 1/22/15

DELINQUENT TAX POLICY

1. The delinquent tax collector will not accept late payment of real estate taxes if the penalties are not included.
2. If a delinquent taxpayer has not made arrangements for satisfactory monthly payments to the tax collector six months from the due date, the property will be put up for a tax sale.
3. Partial payments will be at least the total taxes and penalties divided by the number of months remaining before the next due date.
4. There will be no grace period allowed for late payments without penalty except for mailed payments postmarked on or before the due date.



REPORT OF THE CENTRAL SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Guilford Central School is a busy place where students learn core academics, develop a sense of place, and practice prosocial behavior. Each day students' schedules include 90 minutes of math and 90 minutes of literacy, as well as science, social studies and other essentials such as Art, Physical Education, Music and Library. The school dedicates time and energy to building a positive learning environment through Morning Meeting, All School Meeting, Mixed Age Groups and K-6 Sings. We teach positive behavior through school-wide themes such as kindness, good manners, responsibility, and respect. We recognize our students' efforts to practice these themes in their everyday behavior through our All School Celebrations.

Guilford Central School continues to build a strong sense of place in our students. Students are taught the importance and value of being contributing members of a community. Through such practices as singing to the elders at Thompson House or running a food drive for the Guilford Food Pantry, our students learn about caring for others and the community. In addition, through our Farm To School program, our students learn about our agricultural heritage, experience working in our school gardens, provide food for our school cafeteria, and gain the opportunity to sample new foods.

This year marks our first year participating in an exciting five year national research project that aims to transform public education; known as School Wide Integrated Framework for Transformation (SWIFT). This new initiative is a University of Kansas research project funded by the US Department of Education and involves assisting participating schools in Maryland, Oregon, Missouri, New Hampshire, and Vermont to create school environments that meet the needs of all learners. In year one, we have created a leadership team to shepherd us through the process and we have begun to evaluate our strengths and weaknesses as a school system. Our goal is create a truly inclusive elementary school that meets every student at their point of need or ability.

I want to thank the volunteers who enrich the lives and learning of our students. In the spring of 2014, fifty parents, students, and community members came to school on a Saturday to paint the interior hallways and common areas of the school. Funded by a generous grant from Comcast, our weekend painters

worked side by side with Comcast volunteers to paint. It was a great experience! This fall, Vermont Entergy donated \$10,000 to the school for the purchase of new computers. We now have a new classroom set of Chromebooks thanks to VT Entergy's generosity. In January and February, our students enjoy a vibrant Winter Sports program because of the hard work and dedication of parent volunteers who organize, fundraise, and man the program. Parent and school personnel volunteered to provide after school sports. Community members and parents also volunteer their time and energy to run the Four Winds environmental education program or to read with students or to drive for a field trip. On behalf of the staff, thank you for your service and thank you for the privilege of working with and for the children of Guilford.

John Gagnon
Principal

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

The Guilford School Board is currently focused on negotiating a financially responsible extension of our current Brattleboro Area Middle School tuition agreement, set to expire in 2017.

A mutually acceptable agreement with WSESU District 6 (BAMS) is critical to budgetary planning over the next five years – and beyond. A responsible agreement is critical to Guilford's tax rate in that period, and also critical to planning the future nature of school infrastructure, including proposals for pre-K, after-school programs, and many other requested extensions of our schooling capabilities.

Building and grounds maintenance continues to be a focus. This year we have approved spending on the repair of water damage to the front of the building, the removal of some trees, brush, and poison ivy from the athletic field, and the installation of additional security cameras.

The efforts of a large group of community volunteers, and a Comcast grant, resulted in a cost-free upgrade to the paint job on some of our interior hallways – it looks fantastic! The Board would love to see the continued support of the community in projects like these, which have such a positive effect on our school community.

The School Board made its annual visit to the school in November. We spent the day in classrooms observing and interacting with students and staff. We find this day very important to our ability to monitor and appreciate the educational process within our school.

We welcome parents, staff, and members of the community to join us on the first and third Monday of each month at 6:30pm for our Board meetings. We value your input and greatly appreciate your participation in our school.

Thank you, The Guilford Town School Board;

Alice Revis, Chair

Stephen Redmond, Vice Chair

Beth Bristol

Jessica Cheslawski

Erin Tkaczyk

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

During the past year, the teachers and staff of the Windham Southeast Supervisory Union have been committed to providing excellent learning opportunities

for our students in positive learning environments. We are working to ensure that all students are positioned to meet the Vermont Learning Standards and the National Common Core Standards.

Academics and Social Skills Development

Our schools continue to work with challenges posed by a population with significant numbers of children living in poverty. With that stated, I am most heartened by the countless ways in which our staff is committed to providing our students a comprehensive educational experience. We work to challenge our students to reach their fullest potential with an emphasis on academic studies, while also supporting social competency and social skill development to become competent and caring citizens. We want to assure that all students will have access to equal educational opportunities in safe, healthy, and respectful environments.

I am proud that WSESU is at the forefront of offering dual credit programming that allows our high school students to earn college credit at Brattleboro Union High School and the Windham Regional Career Center. There are currently over 350 of our students taking the 43 courses that offer dual high school and college credit in this exciting and cost effective instructional program. The result is that students can now graduate from the high school with several college credits on their transcripts. This program is helping to make college more affordable for our students and families, reaches out to students who may not otherwise see college as an option, and provides our students an advantage in their future career paths.

Budget Development and Presentation

As superintendent of schools, I work closely with WSESU Business Administrator Frank Rucker, district principals, and board members on the budget development process. This process involves a comprehensive educational program and staffing review as well as coordination of services and programs within the district and schools. We work to keep the school system focused on our students – in a fiscally responsible way. We are very conscious of how we fund our programs related to direct instructional costs compared to administrative spending. Our budgets reflect lower administrative costs as compared to state averages, while dedicating our resources to direct instruction to improve student learning. We will review these program decisions as we present each budget at your annual town meeting.

Our work, when linked with strong parent and community support, will help ensure that we achieve the WSESU District Mission: To provide a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment where all students grow academically, socially, and emotionally, and are challenged to reach their potential as local and global community members.

You can learn more about our schools by visiting the WSESU web site: www.wssu.k12.vt.us.

Please remember that our schools remain a community resource, and we welcome involvement in programs and activities that will enhance and enrich the lives of our students and our communities.

Ron Stahley, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools
Windham Southeast Supervisory Union

2013-2014 GUILFORD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT STAFF

Certified Staff:

John Gagnon	Principal
Chantelle Albin	School Counselor
Brady Anderson *	Special Educator
Margaret D. Barrand	Grade 1
Sandra Cortes	Academic Support
Steven Damon	Music (50%)
Karen Duggan	Kindergarten
Emma Hallowell	Grade 3
Emily Hartz	Grade 5
Mary Harvey-Bandish	Instrumental Music (40%)
Jody Hauser	Library/Media (60%)
Pat Ireton	Academic Support
Evvie Jakub	Physical Education (60%)
Jennifer Kramer	Grade 6
Kathleen Lapan	Grade 2
Rachel Mangan	Art (40%)
Janet Michaud	School Nurse
Angela Saviano	Academic Support (50%)
Karyn Tyler	Grade 4
Crista Yagjian*	Special Educator

* Funded through WSESU

Classified Staff:

Renee Baker	Office Assistant
Beverly Baldwin	Paraeducator
Benjamin Brewer	Paraeducator
Ryan Cutting	Paraeducator
Sandra Cutting	Paraeducator
Barbara Freeman	Paraeducator
Matthew Hatfield	Custodian
Emily Lyons	Paraeducator
Raquel Moreno	Paraeducator
Jandi Pond	School Bus Driver
Savitha Rajamani	Paraeducator
Retha Rayno	School Bus Driver
Troy Revis, Jr.	Head of Maintenance
Cynthia Symons	School Bus Driver
Lynn Tobey	Paraeducator
Joann T. Tyler	Administrative Secretary

WSESU Staff:

Ron Stahley, Ed.D.	Superintendent
Frank Rucker, Ed.D.	Business Administrator
Marisa Duncan-Holley	Director of Special Education

GUILFORD TOWN SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Beth Bristol	1 year	expires 2015	257-8986
Jessica Cheslawski	1 year	expires 2015	257-4801
Steve Redmond	3 years	expires 2016	258-3866
Alice Revis	3 years	expires 2017	257-1807
Erin Tkaczyk	3 years	expires 2015	380-2542

The Guilford Town School Board meets on the first and third Mondays of the month.

OCTOBER 1, 2014 CENTRAL SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Kindergarten	20	Grade 3	15	Grade 6	21
Grade 1	19	Grade 4	15		
Grade 2	13	Grade 5	20		
Total Enrollment - 123					

BUHS ENROLLMENT FROM GUILFORD

Grade 7	16	Grade 10	13
Grade 8	12	Grade 11	21
Grade 9	21	Grade 12	25
Total Enrollment - 108			



SCHOOL MAJOR REPAIR FUND

Balance as of July 1, 2013		\$12,355.43
Interest	3.56	
Expenditures	(10,345.14)	
Fund Balance as of June 30, 2014		\$2,013.85

SCHOOL BUS SINKING FUND

Voted at the 1963 Town meeting to establish a school bus fund for the purpose of anticipating and spreading over a period of years the cost of replacement of present or future school buses. This fund is to be kept separate from monies of the district and to be used solely for replacement of buses.

Balance as of July 1, 2013		\$69,694.40
Interest	70.13	
Transfer from General Fund	1,000.00	
Balance as of June 30, 2014		\$70,764.53

BLAZEJ MUSIC FUND

The Richard D. Blazej Music Fund at the Guilford Central School was established in memory of Richard by his friends and family just prior to his death in the winter of 2000. The purpose of the fund is to support the instrumental music program at Guilford Central School. The music teacher at the school, in consultation with the principal, uses the fund to: purchase instruments otherwise out of reach for the school's music program budget, including Orff instruments, support student attendance at special assemblies, and repair and replace school-owned instruments.

Balance as of July 1, 2013		\$1,470.76
Donations	38.00	
Interest	1.48	
Expenditures	0.00	
Balance as of June 30, 2014		\$1,470.76

BECKY HARRIS AWARD FUND

Becky Harris was a child attending GCS who died unexpectedly and suddenly in March 1996. Her class graduated in 2001; and in her honor, Becky's grandparents donated \$2,000 to the school. After careful deliberations, the decision to use the gift to establish a memorial award was made. Each year at graduation, a departing eighth grader will be recognized for his or her friendliness, positive attitude, sense of humor, and kindness. These qualities embody the best of Becky. The recipient of the award in 2014 was Shane Vinton.

Balance as of July 1, 2013		\$2,455.99
Interest	8.61	
Balance as of June 30, 2014		\$2,464.60

CHILD FIND NOTICE

All children have a right to a public education. Federal and State law provide that all qualifying children with disabilities have a right to a free appropriate public education, including where provided by law, special education and related services.

The Windham Southeast Supervisory Union and all of its member districts (Brattleboro, Dummerston, Guilford, Putney, Vernon, and Brattleboro Union High School District #6) (collectively, "the District"), have a duty to identify and locate any children, ages 3 through 21, who may be eligible for special education (including children who are highly mobile, such as migrant children, or who are homeless, or are wards of the State), who are residents of the District and may have disabilities, or who are attending private schools or a program of home study within the boundaries of the District, or who are not receiving services, in order to evaluate and engage in planning of services, as appropriate, under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act and/or under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

The District also needs to identify and locate all infants, birth to age three who may have disabilities, for evaluation and services under Part C of the federal special education law (the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act).

The District hereby provides notice that such children may be entitled to early intervention services (birth-3) or to special education and related services (3-22).

If you have or know of such a child in your school, home or neighborhood, please write or phone: Superintendent of Schools, Windham Southeast Supervisory Union, 53 Green Street, Brattleboro, VT 05301; 802-254-3731. Information provided will be used only to carry out child find purposes, so that those protected by the disabilities laws will be contacted with respect to potential eligibility, and all information will remain confidential within the District's child find system, pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and its regulations, 334 C.F.R. Part 99.



A field trip to Guilford's historic Brick Schoolhouse on Carpenter Hill Road.



GUILFORD SCHOOL PROPOSED REVENUE BUDGET

	2013-14 BUDGET	2013-14 ACTUAL	2014-15 BUDGET	2015-16 PROPOSED
LOCAL/OTHER REVENUES				
Interest Earned	1,450	1,081	1,100	1,100
Other Miscellaneous	0	7,877	0	0
After School Program	0	0	0	0
B.U.H.S. Transportation	57,383	57,743	57,383	57,383
Title I Comp Ed Sub-Grant	0	2,384	0	0
WSESU - Title II a Sub-Grant	62,000	64,601	61,833	61,833
WSESU -Medicaid Sub-Grant	10,000	0	10,000	10,000
Fresh Fruit & Veg. Grant	0	7,692	0	0
WSESU -EPSDT (Nurse)	22,000	22,000	22,000	20,000
	152,833	163,378	152,316	150,316
STATE REVENUES				
Education Spending Grant	2,240,880	2,240,880	2,378,496	2,386,860
Small Schools Grant	80,000	63,270	16,540	41,474
Transportation Grant	45,109	67,642	42,460	40,504
Special Education Grants	240,809	257,970	253,067	299,162
E.E.E. Program Grants	16,999	16,999	15,935	14,779
	2,623,797	2,646,761	2,706,498	2,782,778
FEDERAL/OTHER				
Federal Special Ed.	31,000	30,332	30,436	0
	31,000	30,332	30,436	0
FUND BALANCE (applied to reduce taxes)				
Fund Balance	95,000	95,000	95,000	30,000
	95,000	95,000	95,000	30,000
TOTAL REVENUES	2,902,630	2,935,471	2,984,250	2,963,094
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,902,630	2,908,175	2,984,250	2,963,094
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	0	27,296	0	0

GUILFORD SCHOOL PROPOSED EXPENDITURE BUDGET

	2013-14 BUDGET	2013-14 ACTUAL	2014-15 BUDGET	2015-16 PROPOSED
DISTRICT WIDE				
Worker's Compensation	15,500	16,910	21,644	21,644
Pending Planning Room Paraprof.	-	-	40,753	-
Pending Clerical	-	-	8,397	-
Pending Additional Grounds	-	-	3,000	-
Unemployment Comp.	2,500	3,554	2,500	2,500
District In-Service	2,000	-	2,000	1,000
Assembly Programs	2,000	3,264	2,000	2,000
Property Liability Ins.	4,750	5,960	4,851	4,851
Employee Assist. Prog./403(b)Fees	1,250	580	750	750

	2013-14 BUDGET	2013-14 ACTUAL	2014-15 BUDGET	2015-16 PROPOSED
Copier Program (CPC)	5,500	5,943	5,500	3,684
Scamp Program	1,000	-	1,000	500
Pre-School C/S	35,040	38,867	37,500	37,500
Asian Studies Program	-	-	-	-
Professional Devel. Stipends	5,000	6,000	5,000	3,000
FICA Prof. Dev.	383	446	383	383
Program Improvement	6,617	-	6,617	-
Equity Coordinator	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
Farm to School Program	2,000	2,000	2,000	3,000
On-Behalf of Teacher Retirement	-	-	-	-
Other Grant Exp. II a, IV, etc.	-	7,146	-	-
School Garden Supplies	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
After School Tutoring Salary	2,000	-	2,000	-
After School Tutoring FICA	153	-	153	-
After School Program	-	-	-	4,000
Technology Support & Coord.	25,000	26,648	27,000	27,000
	112,693	117,319	175,048	113,812
ELEMENTARY TEACHERS				
Teacher's Salaries	660,205	638,789	684,208	646,587
One Percent Fund	6,250	8,280	6,375	6,375
Paraprof. Salaries	41,561	35,169	33,198	23,785
Substitutes	14,000	11,666	15,000	13,000
Title II Salary	-	64,601	-	48,321
Retirement Incentive	16,005	36,277	-	-
Health & Dental Ins.	177,638	171,395	179,072	187,130
Teacher's FICA	52,020	48,189	53,977	50,458
Paraprof. FICA	3,179	-	2,540	1,820
Life Insurance	1,401	1,118	1,245	1,245
Disability Insurance	2,776	2,440	1,297	1,297
403(b) Benefit	5,000	4,478	3,950	3,950
Paraprof. Retirement	1,662	1,299	1,328	1,328
125 Plan	402	230	275	275
Teacher Course Reimb.	5,200	-	4,000	4,000
Support Staff Course Reimb.	400	-	400	400
Instructional Equip. Repairs	200	-	200	200
Travel & Conference	300	219	300	200
Teaching Supplies	8,500	9,014	10,000	9,000
Testing & Supplies	150	118	300	300
Copier Paper	875	-	875	875
Textbooks	1,000	911	1,000	1,000
Investigations Materials	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
New Instructional Equip.	400	-	400	400
New Non-Instructional Equip.	300	40	300	300
Replace Instruct. Equip.	500	-	500	500
Replace Non-Instruct. Equip.	300	-	300	300

	2013-14 BUDGET	2013-14 ACTUAL	2014-15 BUDGET	2015-16 PROPOSED
Sports Officials	1,000	75	1,000	500
Sports Program Equipment	2,250	-	2,250	1,000
Tournament Fees	700	-	700	-
Sports Coord. & Coaches Sal.	2,000	2,070	2,000	-
Sports Coord. & Coaches FICA	153	153	153	-
Computer Repairs	500	523	500	500
Computer Software	1,300	1,075	1,300	1,300
Computer Hardware	14,000	14,014	14,000	14,000
Four Winds Program	1,200	1,132	1,200	1,200
	<u>1,024,327</u>	<u>1,053,275</u>	<u>1,025,143</u>	<u>1,022,546</u>
SECONDARY (Grade 7 & 8 Expenses)				
Tuition	<u>225,750</u>	<u>235,070</u>	<u>240,000</u>	<u>270,000</u>
	225,750	235,070	240,000	270,000
SPECIAL EDUCATION				
Certified Salaries	97,834	74,554	-	-
Paraprof. Salaries	110,542	129,162	136,815	153,069
EYP Summer	5,900	935	-	-
Substitutes	850	14,153	500	500
Health Insurance	76,246	70,121	73,920	73,920
Dental Insurance	6,224	3,146	3,153	3,153
FICA	16,500	16,453	10,467	10,467
Life Insurance	428	351	230	230
Retirement	4,363	5,069	5,290	5,290
Disability Insurance	838	747	526	526
Worker's Comp.	1,100	1,598	1,049	1,049
Staff Course Reimb.	2,700	1,525	1,500	1,500
125 Plan Fees	70	-	70	70
403(b) Benefit	978	-	-	-
Instructional C/S	-	2,566	-	-
Psych. Services	12,000	6,092	-	-
Psych. C/S WSESU	9,211	8,841	-	-
Occup. & Physical Therapy	13,293	13,134	-	-
Travel & Conference	525	443	-	-
Transportation	10,000	2,375	-	-
Special Education Tuition	26,000	40,885	-	-
WSESU Special Ed. Services	-	-	244,772	278,205
Supplies	3,000	799	-	-
Equipment	1,400	1,182	-	-
One Percent Fund	1,000	-	-	-
IDEA Salary & Benefits	-	30,332	-	-
	<u>401,002</u>	<u>424,463</u>	<u>478,292</u>	<u>527,979</u>
EARLY ESSENTIAL ED.				
Early Ed. C/S WSESU	<u>52,098</u>	<u>51,800</u>	<u>52,506</u>	<u>64,426</u>
	52,098	51,800	52,506	64,426

	2013-14 BUDGET	2013-14 ACTUAL	2014-15 BUDGET	2015-16 PROPOSED
GUIDANCE				
Salary	53,384	43,833	45,202	46,699
Health & Dental Ins.	19,411	17,304	19,517	20,395
FICA	4,084	3,160	3,458	3,572
Life Insurance	106	63	84	84
Course Reimb.	850	230	850	850
Disability Insurance	216	138	84	84
403(b) Benefit	534	-	452	452
One Percent Fund	-	345	-	-
Travel & Conference	100	-	100	100
Supplies	300	395	600	600
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	78,985	65,468	70,347	72,837
HEALTH SERVICES				
Nurse's Salary	50,414	50,414	51,422	52,450
Substitutes	750	968	750	750
Health & Dental Ins.	14,293	13,801	14,377	15,024
FICA	3,857	3,723	3,934	4,012
Life Insurance	106	91	92	92
403(b) Benefit	504	-	514	514
Course Reimbursement	850	-	850	850
Disability Insurance	204	193	208	208
Travel	100	-	100	100
Health Supplies	475	764	475	475
Equipment	400	206	400	400
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	71,953	70,161	73,122	74,876
PSYCH. OTHER C/S				
Psychological Services	1,500	-	750	750
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	1,500	-	750	750
LIBRARY				
Librarian Salary	41,927	24,356	38,179	25,376
Health & Dental Ins.	8,577	2,125	2,096	2,190
FICA	3,207	1,863	1,873	1,941
Life Insurance	76	35	42	42
Course Reimbursement	413	540	500	500
Disability Insurance	170	75	94	94
403(b) Benefit	419	-	245	245
AV Repairs	400	98	400	400
Library Supplies	450	197	450	450
Library Books	2,500	1,680	2,500	2,500
Periodicals	250	-	250	250
Equipment	250	-	250	250
Audio Visual Supplies	200	1,002	200	200
Audio Visual Hardware	300	531	300	300
Audio Visual Software	2,000	532	250	250
On-Line Resources/Ref. Materials	950	1,232	2,500	1,500

	2013-14 BUDGET	2013-14 ACTUAL	2014-15 BUDGET	2015-16 PROPOSED
AV Site Licenses	2,000	1,419	2,000	1,500
	64,089	35,685	52,129	37,988
BOARD OF EDUCATION				
School Board Salaries	4,100	3,967	4,100	4,100
FICA	314	378	314	314
Board Clerk	-	-	-	-
Supplies & Advertising	2,000	321	2,000	500
Dues & Fees	1,500	1,556	1,500	1,500
Treasurer's Salary	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
FICA	115	115	115	115
Supplies	1,200	-	1,200	500
Criminal Checks	1,500	-	1,500	500
Interest (Notes)	4,500	316	4,500	1,500
Legal Fees	1,000	250	1,000	1,000
Auditing	5,000	9,000	-	-
Fidelity Bond	-	-	-	-
	22,729	17,403	17,729	11,529
WSESU ASSESSMENT	163,974	163,974	126,878	142,685
ADMINISTRATION				
Principal's Salary	84,787	84,375	86,484	88,646
Secretary's Salary	36,584	35,569	36,733	36,531
Admin. Substitute	750	-	750	750
Health & Dental Ins.	39,376	38,014	37,780	39,480
FICA	9,343	8,819	9,818	9,633
Life Insurance	434	385	403	403
403(b) Benefit	848	844	865	1,000
Retirement	2,463	1,263	2,763	2,763
125 Plan	70	67	70	70
Disability Insurance	471	443	461	461
Professional Development	1,500	1,201	1,500	1,500
Travel	200	-	200	200
Software	600	-	600	600
Admin. Student Serv. Support	1,550	1,306	1,550	1,550
AIMSweb	950	720	950	950
Admin. Notification C/S	450	-	450	450
Office Supplies/Software	1,700	1,030	1,700	1,700
Copier Paper	500	1,799	2,000	2,000
Office Equipment	300	399	300	300
Dues & Fees	-	565	-	-
Graduation Supplies	300	246	-	-
	183,176	177,044	185,377	188,987
BUILDING OPER. & MAINT.				
Custodial Salaries	77,423	79,870	82,250	75,581

	2013-14 BUDGET	2013-14 ACTUAL	2014-15 BUDGET	2015-16 PROPOSED
Custodial Substitutes	1,000	4,662	1,000	1,000
Health & Dental Insurance	26,984	32,223	34,136	25,876
FICA	6,114	6,197	6,304	5,858
Life Insurance	153	134	143	143
Retirement	3,190	3,195	3,190	3,190
Other Repairs	15,000	20,492	15,000	15,000
C/S Maintenance	14,500	12,726	14,500	14,500
Travel	150	-	150	150
Water Testing	1,400	1,127	1,400	1,400
Telephone	4,000	5,494	4,000	4,000
Fiber Connect Annual Fees	8,400	2,623	8,400	3,360
Custodial Supplies	10,000	9,816	10,000	10,000
Non-Instruct. Equipment	3,500	2,418	3,500	3,500
Security	4,000	215	4,000	2,000
Electricity	23,500	22,114	23,500	23,500
Fuel Oil	25,000	35,981	25,000	25,000
Grounds Maintenance	6,750	5,532	6,750	6,750
	231,064	244,819	243,223	220,808
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES				
Bus Drivers' Salaries	65,718	59,702	58,101	60,577
Bus Driver Substitutes	2,600	2,270	2,600	2,600
Health & Dental Ins.	24,195	15,038	24,195	25,284
FICA	5,027	4,584	4,615	4,615
Life Insurance	118	92	101	101
Course Reimb./Training	450	267	450	450
Retirement	2,525	2,261	2,220	2,220
Gas & Lubricants	24,500	21,631	24,500	24,500
Bus Maintenance	17,500	10,502	17,500	17,500
Field Trips	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
Bus Insurance	2,000	-	1,500	1,500
	145,633	116,346	136,782	140,347
HOT LUNCH PROGRAM				
FFV Grant	-	7,743	-	-
Program Subsidy C/S	15,000	19,843	20,000	20,000
	15,000	27,586	20,000	20,000
SPECIAL ARTICLES & DEBT SERVICE				
Debt Service Interest S.A. 2010	13,966	13,250	10,300	-
Debt Service Heating System	10,524	10,345	-	-
Special Article Asbestos (3 yr.)	18,167	18,167	10,624	9,524
Major Repair- Special Article	37,000	37,000	37,000	30,000
	79,657	78,762	57,924	39,524
Transfer to the Bus Fund	29,000	29,000	29,000	14,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,902,630	2,908,175	2,984,250	2,963,094

GTSD GENERAL OPERATING FUND BALANCE

RECAP AND PROJECTIONS

FY14 Beginning Fund Balance	247,563
FY14 YTD Deficit *	<u>(67,704)</u>
FY14 Ending Fund Balance	179,859
FY15 Reserve to Reduce Taxes	<u>(95,000)</u>
Projected FY15 Ending Fund Balance	84,859
Less FY16 Reserve to Reduce Taxes	<u>(30,000)</u>
Projected FY16 Ending Fund Balance	54,859

* FY14 total revenues include \$95,000 of Fund Balance for illustration purposes only.
 (A Fund Balance is not revenue per GAAP Rules)

GTSD CAPITAL RESERVE FUND BALANCE

RECAP AND PROJECTIONS

	TOTAL RESERVE	BUS RESERVE	MAJOR REPAIR
FY14 Capital Reserve Ending Fund Balance	32,270	12,638	19,631
FY15 Transfer in from GF/other Revenue	66,000	29,000	37,000
FY15 Capital Fund Expenses [review]	<u>33,730</u>	-	<u>33,730</u>
FY15 Capital Fund Ending Fund Balance	64,540	41,638	22,901
FY16 Transfer in from GF/other Revenue	44,000	14,000	30,000
FY16 Capital Fund Expenses	-	-	-
FY16 Capital Fund Ending Fund Balance	<u>108,540</u>	<u>55,638</u>	<u>52,901</u>

GTSD THREE YEAR COMPARISON

	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016
Local Adopted Budget	\$2,902,630	\$2,984,250	\$2,963,094
Offsetting Revenues	661,750	605,754	576,235
Education Spending	\$2,240,880	\$2,378,496	\$2,386,860
Equalized Pupils	158.98	156.74	152.74
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$14,095	\$15,175	\$15,627
Per Pupil figure for calculating Adjustment	\$14,095	\$15,175	\$15,627
District Spending Adjustment	154.031%	163.433%	165.207%
Est. Homestead tax rate (equalized)	\$1.4479	\$1.6016	\$1.6521
Portion of Homestead rate to be assessed	\$0.8967	\$1.0133	\$1.0555
Common Level of Appraisal	85.00%	92.37%	93.19%
Estimated Education tax rate	\$1.6069	\$1.7034	\$1.7444
Adjusted Per Equalized Pupil Ratio	61.93%	63.273%	63.89%
Guilford Homestead Est. School Tax Rate	\$1.518	\$1.651	\$1.711
CLA Adjusted Homestead Est. Tax Rate	\$1.786	\$1.787	\$1.836

(A more-detailed version of this report is available at the Town Office.)

WSESU SPECIAL ED. & GRANT SUMMARY

13/14 ACTUAL 14/15 BUDGET 15/16 PROPOSED

REVENUES

Administration & Support of Instruction Assessments:

Brattleboro TSD	1,026,090	704,409	712,241
Dummerston	173,618	138,259	149,241
Guilford	163,974	126,878	142,685
Putney	225,061	136,507	152,326
Vernon	190,664	139,125	149,550
BUHS District #6	962,125	866,295	953,939
General Local Revenues	76,874	-	-

Special Ed. Service Revenues:

Brattleboro TSD	-	2,901,766	2,494,515
Dummerston	-	395,051	428,868
Guilford	-	244,772	278,205
Putney	-	461,323	396,119
Vernon	-	413,759	425,956
BUHS District #6	-	3,324,617	3,408,227
General Special Ed. Revenues & Grants	2,002,638	947,315	824,473
Pre-School Sp. Ed. Service Revenues	562,437	566,818	686,777
AOE Instruction & Pupil Support Grants	2,219,401	1,957,153	1,878,039
Asian Studies Grants & Revenues	261,395	225,484	232,664
WSESU Transportation Services to LEAs	-	791,682	807,525
Food Service Grants & Revenues	838,749	1,326,917	1,326,916
Total Revenues	8,703,024	15,668,130	15,448,267

EXPENDITURES

General Support Services	272,286	403,333	394,930
Operations & Maintenance	24,229	29,350	29,350
Board of Education	-	550	550
Superintendent of Schools	146,308	149,812	153,134
Curriculum Dev./School Improvement	157,326	252,296	200,990
Superintendent Support Staff	236,963	246,805	247,600
Fiscal Services-Business Administrator	153,325	142,971	151,210
Fiscal Serv.-Business Office Sup.	493,423	532,824	563,773
Technology Services	120,863	140,116	144,080
Support English Language Learners	295,979	344,376	354,366
School Improvement Services	16,119	115,820	20,000
Education Support Grant Programs	2,217,029	1,751,334	1,878,038
Asian Studies Instruction	261,395	225,484	232,664
Transportation Services	-	791,682	807,525
Food Services Expenses	838,751	1,326,917	1,326,917
Sub Total Instruction & Operations	5,233,995	6,453,670	6,505,127

Special Education Services:

Local School Age Shared Services	1,139,836	3,486,197	2,894,848
Local School Age Direct Billed Services	802,040	4,403,780	4,537,042
Regional Special Ed. Support Services	93,647	90,704	92,972
Essential Early Ed. Program	543,022	684,828	670,377
IDEA & BEST Grant Expenditures	733,404	548,951	747,900
Sub-Total Special Ed. Expenses	3,311,949	9,214,460	8,943,139
Total Expenditures	8,545,945	15,668,130	15,448,266
Surplus/(Deficit)	157,080	0	0

WSESU FY14 FEDERAL SPECIAL EDUCATION AID DISTRIBUTION

	IDEA FEDERAL	BLOCK GRANT	INTENSIVE AID	EXTRAORDINARY AID	STATE PLACED	E.E.E. STATE	TOTAL AID
Brattleboro	142,240	256,534	1,446,596	289,489	9,311	103,476	2,247,646
Dummerston	25,863	63,209	135,312	0	0	18,962	243,346
Guilford	30,332	47,966	210,005	0	0	16,999	305,302
Putney	38,578	59,213	248,547	0	0	18,696	365,034
Vernon	37,130	79,207	316,468	0	0	21,956	454,761
B.U.H.S. #6	140,416	379,681	1,833,776	53,809	18,454	0	2,426,136
Total	414,559	885,810	4,190,704	343,298	27,765	180,089	6,042,225

WSESU FY14 SUB GRANTS SCHEDULE TO DISTRICTS

I.D.E.A. SPECED	STUDENT ASSISTANCE	TITLE I COMP	EP/SDT MEDICAID	IEP/MED REINVEST	21ST CENTURY TEACHER QUAL	TITLE IIA TEACHER QUAL	TOTAL
Brattleboro	142,240	0	558,097	0	116,000	7,517	823,854
BUHS	140,416	39,907	173,473	10,811	60,000	10,250	434,857
Dummerston	25,863	0	54	30,000	0	86,642	166,559
Guilford	30,332	0	2,331	22,000	0	64,655	119,318
Putney	38,578	0	81,861	0	0	81	146,520
Vernon	37,130	0	54	33,000	0	1,803	71,987
Totals	414,559	39,907	815,870	62,811	60,000	170,948	1,763,095

(Excludes pass-through Nutrition Funds)

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- AIDS Project of Southern Vt www.aidsprojectsouthernvermont.org
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15 Grove Street
PO Box 1486
Brattleboro, VT 05302
Phone (802) 254-4444
Fax (802) 254-3613
- Brattleboro Area Drop In Center www.brattleborodropin.org
60 South Main Street
PO Box 175
Brattleboro, VT 05302-0175
Phone (802) 257-5415
Phone 1-800-852-4286
Fax (802) 257-1738
BADIC@BADIC.comcastbiz.net
- Broad Brook Grange No. 151 www.vtstategrange.org/broad-brook-grange.html
3940 Guilford Center Road
Guilford, VT 05301
- Council on Aging for Southern Vermont www.coasevt.org
56 Main Street, Suite 202
Springfield, VT 05156
Phone (802) 885-2655
Fax (802) 885-2665
information@seniorsolutionsvt.org
- CT River Transit www.crtransit.org
706 Rockingham Road
Rockingham, Vermont 05101
Phone 1-888-869-6287
Fax (802)-460-1004
admin@crtransit.org
- Early Education Services www.ees-vt.org
130 Birge Street
Brattleboro, VT 05301
Phone (802)-254-3742
Phone 1-800-427-3730 (VT Only)
Fax (802)-254-3750
- The Gathering Place www.gatheringplacevt.org
30 Terrace St, Brattleboro, VT 05301
Phone (802) 254-6559

Green Up Vermont www.greenupvermont
 PO Box 1191
 Montpelier, VT 05601-1191
 Phone 1-800-974-3259
greenup@greenupvermont.org

Guilford Cares www.guilfordcares.com
 c/o Tina Blust, Board President
 81 Partridge Road
 Guilford, Vt 05301
 Phone (802) 257-9248
gcares@comcast.net

Guilford Free Library www.guilfordfreelibrary.wordpress.com
 4024 Guilford Center Road
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guilford_pl@vals.state.vt.us

Guilford Volunteer Fire Department www.facebook.com/pages/Guilford-Volunteer-Fire-Dept-Guilford-Vermont/147025921712
 108 Guilford Center Road
 Guilford, VT 05301
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Health Care & Rehabilitative Services (HCRS) www.hcrs.org
 Brattleboro Regional Office
 51 Fairview Street
 Brattleboro, VT 05301
 Phone (802) 254-6028
 Fax (802) 254-7501
brattleborooffice@hcrs.org

Morningside Shelter www.morningsideshelter.org
 81 Royal Road
 Brattleboro, VT 05301
 Phone (802) 257-0066

Rescue, Inc. www.rescueinc.org
 541 Canal Street - PO Box 593
 Brattleboro, VT 05302
 Phone (802) 257-7679
div1@rescueinc.org

RSVP (Green Mountain)	Windham County 974 Western Avenue Brattleboro, VT 05301 Phone (802) 254-7515 Fax (802) 254-7519
Brattleboro Senior Meals	www.brattleboroseniormeals.org 207 Main Street Brattleboro, VT 05301 Phone (802) 257-1236
SEVCA (Southern Vermont Community Action)	www.sevca.org 91 Buck Drive Westminster, VT 05158 Phone 1-800-464-9951, or (802) 722-4575 Fax (802)-722-4509 sevca@sevca.org
VNA (Visiting Nurse & Hospice of VT and NH)	www.vnavnh.org 66 Benning St., Suite 6 West Lebanon, NH 03784 Phone 1-888-300-8853
Windham Child Care Association	www.windhamchildcare.org 130 Birge Street Brattleboro, VT 05301 Phone (802)-254-5332
Windham & Windsor Housing Trust	www.w-wht.org 68 Birge Street Brattleboro, VT 05301 Phone 1-888-294-9948 info@w-wht.org
Women's Freedom Center	www.womensfreedomcenter.net P.O. Box 933, Brattleboro, VT 05301 Phone (802)-257-7364 Fax (802)-257-1683 advocates@womensfreedomcenter.net
Youth Services	www.youthservicesinc.org 32 Walnut Street, PO Box 6008 Brattleboro, VT 05302 Phone (802) 257-0361 Fax (802) 257-2171

GUILFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

President: Gerald Baker
Vice-President: Steve Detra
Secretary: Wanda Atomanuk
Treasurer: Neil Quinn
Fire Chief: Jared Bristol

Trustees:
Fred Humphrey
Michael Tkaczyk
Andrea Tracy
Tom Wagener

2014 has been a great year for the fire department! A year of challenges with a reward of good progress in maintaining a first class organization.

We have to balance excellent protection of property, excellent medical response, retention of volunteers, training and recertification of both equipment and personnel, and a building that proudly houses the complete package.

As much as we try to keep our budget under control, new Scott air-pack and cascade inspections, extinguisher testing, training and re-certs, rising dispatching costs, required radio frequency changes, and safety considerations (replacing worn out and unsafe turn-out gear) make it difficult. The safety of our personnel is very important to us; expensive protective gear and necessary tools like Scott air packs must be replaced as they wear out.

Many of our expenses are fixed: yearly debt reduction (new tanker \$33,288, new pumper \$37,595); or non-negotiable; dispatching services (\$23,600), insurance (\$6,500). Others are inescapable: fuel, repairs and maintenance for the apparatus, heating oil, building upkeep. We continue with fundraising activities like suppers, the Corn Roast, and the Fair barbeque. We also apply for grants.

We are fortunate to have capable and experienced officers Jared Bristol and Mike Tkaczyk as Chief and Assistant Chief, along with officers Tim Cleveland, Chris LaFlam and Bevan Quinn. We have an excellent team, a well-trained roster of firefighters and first responders.

Thank you all. Thanks to the GVFD Auxiliary for their many contributions.

After the fire call, time to thaw and roll up the hose.



We thank the voters and taxpayers for their continued support of the department's work. And especially we thank the GVFD men and women who give so much volunteer time to provide such a high level of protection and service to the town.

Gerald Baker
President, Board of Trustees

CHIEF'S REPORT

2014 was a busy year for the Guilford Volunteer Fire Department. Our goal was to focus on building maintenance and updates this year, and we were certainly successful. A dedicated team of members, trustees, and community volunteers replaced and painted deteriorating trim on the front of the station as phase one of the project. This effort will continue throughout 2015 as we move on to other portions of the building.

Additionally, the department secured two critical grants relating to the operation of our station. A 50/50 grant was obtained from Entergy Vermont Yankee and Vermont Emergency Management for the purchase and setup of a new electrical generator. Our current generator was purchased back in the 1980s and does not support the building's full electrical load during an emergency. The new generator, which will be delivered, installed, and setup in 2015, will support the entire electrical requirements of both the fire station and the Emergency Operating Center housed in our building.

A second co-funded grant was obtained from Green Mountain Power and the State of Vermont's Clean Energy Development Fund for the purchase and installation of a photovoltaic array on the roof of the station. This new system will supply the building with approximately 80% of our electrical requirements. This project is set to commence in the spring of 2015 and will involve significant volunteer work from department and community members. The acquisition of these two grants resulted in a total contribution of over \$45,000 to the department.

We invested necessary time and money towards a partial refurbishment of our brush truck in 2014. The rocker panels and cab corners were replaced and painted and the bed was also repainted. This truck has proven to be extremely valuable to us for a wide variety of uses, and it is now back functioning at higher capacity.

Our membership currently sits at 33 volunteers, and we responded to a total of 231 calls in 2014. We have 1 member who obtained her paramedic qualifications this year and 4 others who achieved EMT level. Two of our junior members are currently enrolled in the Brattleboro Career Center Firefighting course working to obtain their Firefighter 1 certification. This roster gives us an outstanding level of expertise in both our medical and firefighter response teams.

The Auxiliary continues to be a huge support system for us during emergency calls as well as all of the various fund raising efforts. We appreciate their work and the time they devote to helping our department.

The Guilford Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank the community for their continued support and specifically during our lightning strike incident over the summer. We would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year and remind you to clearly mark your home address to support timely response of your local emergency responders!

Jared Bristol, Fire Chief
Mike Tkaczyk, Assistant Chief

GUILFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

INCOME

Town Appropriation	\$201,726.00
Donations	5,910.00
Fundraising, Suppers, etc	6,377.91
Auxiliary	1,271.83
Interest Income	2,227.22
Invoiced Calls	3,120.00
Proceeds of Note	0.00
Grants, etc	0.00
Miscellaneous	7.14
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$220,640.10</u>

EXPENSES

Building	(\$11,236.24)
Communications, Phone, Internet	(1,741.11)
Computer Equipment, Software	(966.73)
Electricity	(2,486.28)
Heating Oil	(4,445.80)
Propane (EOC generator)	(405.54)
Algiers Sewer District	(417.20)
Rubbish Collection	(1,020.00)
Office Supplies	(614.41)
Dues & Subscriptions	(300.00)
Legal & Accounting	(1,232.40)
Fundraising Expenses	(3,098.21)
SWNHMA (Dispatching)	(21,745.00)
Firefighting Equipment	(11,128.74)
Insurance	(14,777.00)
Truck Repair, Maintenance	(7,433.44)
Truck Fuel	(2,536.43)
Radio/Pager Repair/Upgrades	(2,268.44)
Training, Education	(3,892.21)
Payroll	(14,252.86)
Interest/Fees	(765.63)
Debt Service, KME Tanker	(33,288.00)
Debt Service, Pierce Pumper	(37,595.00)
Volunteer Retention Fund	(14,440.00)
Miscellaneous	(1,705.34)
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>(\$193,792.01)</u>

ASSETS

Money Market Account	\$51,884.89
Checking Account	23,130.20
CD (Shores)	<u>77,964.09</u>
BALANCE, June 30, 2014	<u>\$152,979.18</u>

GVFD INVENTORY

- 1 2013 GMC Sierra 2500 crew cab pickup, with extending bed, hitch for trailer
 - 1 2008 Pierce Pump-Under-Cab Pumper w/1,000 gal. tank and 1,500 gpm pump
 - 1 2006 International/KME Tanker w/2,500 gallon tank and 2,000 gpm pump
 - 1 1997 Ford F350XL 4x4 Brush/Utility Truck w/winch and flat bed to carry a portable tank, portable pump, equipment, w/hitch for cargo trailer
 - 1 1995 Ford F800/E-One Pumper w/1,000 gallon tank and 1,250 gpm pump
 - 1 2005 Pace American Cargo Trailer
 - 1 2004 Orion Industries Rescue Sled (in trailer)
 - 1 2003 Honda Foreman Rubicon All Terrain Vehicle w/tracks (in trailer)
- 2002 CET 750 gpm portable pump, 2010 Northern 150gpm portable pump, 3,800 feet of 4" hose, 2,700 feet of 2 1/2" hose, 3,400 feet of 1 3/4" hose; 17 Scott self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), 11 spare air tanks for SCBAs, Poseidon Cascade System for refilling air bottles for SCBAs; 14 portable two-way radios, 14 mobile two-way radios, two-way base radio unit, 30 individual pagers, scanner; 2004 Honda Eu Inverter 1000i portable generator, 2006 Honda BB 7000i portable generator, 1992 Makita 65710R portable generator; 2 smoke ejectors; 2 MultiPro Gas Meters; 1 positive-pressure spark-proof ventilation fan, 6 cardiac defibrillators; 44 traffic cones; 1 global positioning unit (GPS); rope rescue equipment; water rescue equipment; ladders; nozzles; hydrant gates, hydrant tools; first aid kits; CO2, dry chemical, and pressurized water fire extinguishers; emergency medical kits, thermal-imaging camera.

GVFD CALL SUMMARY, 2014

4 Structure Fires	98 Emergency Medical Responses
3 Brush Fires	13 Wires/Trees Down
9 Odor/CO Investigation	5 Electrical Problems
4 Controlled Burns/Smoke	9 Public Assist (non-med)
33 Motor Vehicle Accidents	5 Good Intent/Cancelled Enroute
21 Mutual Aid Responses	18 Fire Alarms
2 Car Fires	1 Dumpster Fire
1 Police Assist	1 Haz-Mat
1 Flood/Natural Disaster	2 Appliance Fires
<i>(22 of all calls were on I-91)</i>	230 Total

GVFD AUXILIARY

Guilford Fire Department Auxiliary Bylaws: Objective; The GFDA is organized to support the Guilford Fire Department by providing financial support and other assistance. We will consider all requests to assist the Guilford Fire Department and its members in various projects, civil or social. We will directly assist community members in times of emergencies as our finances and abilities allow.

Regular meetings are held at 6:30pm the first Thursday of the month at the Guilford Fire Station. An annual meeting to elect officers is held every July. New members are always welcome and appreciated.

To meet the Objectives of our Bylaws, we hold several fund raising events throughout the year. Requests are sent to town residents for baked goods for the Vermont Welcome Center “Coffee Break” sale, and other “bake sale” fund raising. The response and variety of baked goods is amazing and greatly appreciated.

We have held Pampered Chef parties at the Guilford Fire Station. With games, hors d’oeuvres, and a cooking show it is a fun evening and a great success. A big “Thank You” goes to the hostess, Kim Martin. She donated much of her own proceeds back to the Auxiliary.

A Boot Drop is held during the Guilford Fair. We are also available to assist with the GVFD’s Chicken BBQ should they be called to duty those days.

Fund raising makes it possible to support the Fire Department throughout the year. Hurricane Irene brought home to all our members just how much we can help. The Fire Station is the command post for the local Emergency Management Department. Hot coffee, a warm meal, and fresh baked cookies were available for anyone who needed it. The Town Highway Department, Fire Department, and the Emergency Management members found this a pleasant relief during a busy day.

Our final event for the calendar year is the Christmas Party the Auxiliary puts on for the children of the Fire Department members. Cookies are supplied for decorating. The Fire Department brings Santa to the station on one of the fire engines. The excitement shows on the faces of the children.

Anytime there is a call that takes the Fire Department out for an extended period of time we will bring drink and food to them, or have it available at the station on their return. After a call they still need to clean their equipment to be ready should another call come in, and they need to refuel themselves.

A sampling of items we have donated to the department: blinds for the station windows, a portable generator, fire gear, a smoke exhaust fan, safety jackets, uniforms, and a contribution toward the purchase of their rescue 4-wheeler.

We may be contacted through our e-mail address: gfdaux@yahoo.com. We also post upcoming events on guilfordonline.wordpress.com and frontporchforum.com. And, any member may be contacted directly.

With great appreciation to town residents and area businesses, we look forward to continuing to support the Guilford Fire Department through our fund raising. Thank you, Guilford.

President: Heidi Cleveland

Vice President: Jessie Cheslawski

Secretary/Treasurer: Wanda Atomanuk

Members: Tammi Quinn, Karen Rhodes, Erin Tkaczyk, Andrea Tracy.

GUILFORD FREE LIBRARY

For a small library, Guilford Free Library sure has a lot going on. We circulated about 3,100 library materials (books, audio books, periodicals, DVDs, and a few puzzles, passes and stuffed toys). 305 children and their parents attended 48 storytimes, and we held 20 additional programs to educate and entertain 276 town residents. The library is open 24 hours a week.

Approximately 11 patrons per week used our four public access computers. We are able to provide individual training and on-going support to help people learn and feel confident about using computers. Therefore, every citizen of Guilford

has access to computer technology even if they do not own a computer. The library has a fiber optic wireless connection, so that in addition to being able to download and upload huge files very quickly, patrons can use their laptops in the parking lot, at any time day or night. There is no password.

The redecoration of the children's room has been delayed as the town works to strengthen the structure and insulate the building before we add more shelves. We are continuing to work on completely automating our catalogue, which will allow patrons to search our collection and reserve materials from their home computers. We should be able to join the Catamount Library Network this coming year.

Our OnLine Resources are available to all Guilford residents. They include OneClick Digital, downloadable audiobooks and ebooks, Universal Class, high quality online courses, Heritage Quest, genealogy research, VT OnLine Library, research, magazine and newspaper databases. You can reach all of these resources at:

<http://guilfordfreelibrary.wordpress.com/>

To use them you need to update your library card and get the password. There is no charge, because the Vermont Department of Libraries helps us to pay for them.

Our collection includes 4,461 print materials, 186 videos, 171 audio books and 4 print serial subscriptions.

The Guilford Gazette had no home once the eighth grade went to the Middle School, so the library now provides sponsorship with the support of the school, the town office, and some very hard working volunteers. The Gazette has published for a full year now, and welcomes new volunteers to work on the town newspaper. A separate report appears at the end of this report.

The library manages because so many volunteers work to make it happen. During a typical week, volunteers put in at least 13 hours of work doing storytime, staffing, Board of Trustees, administration, and public relations. If we paid for all this work at \$9.15/hour, we would spend more than \$6,000. Many townspeople also donate books for our on-going book sale, which raises money to buy new books for the library. Our fundraising events include an annual appeal letter, a raffle, and book and bottled water sales at the Fair.

During the fiscal year 2014 our biannual special fundraising event was a memorable and very successful 'Cello Celebration, which packed the Guilford Center Meeting House. This event gave the library a \$3,000 cushion to begin FY15.

We welcomed two new trustees, one of whom was as a result of the decision to increase the board by one more trustee. We have found it extremely helpful to have a larger board for helping to oversee the successful operation of our town's busy and vibrant library.

Programs during Calendar Year 2014:

- Summer Reading Programs: Pirate Camp and Fizz! Boom! Read! - Our Summer reading programs for school-age children were two week-long programs using a camp format. We met at the Grange for breakfast each morning, and then went on an adventure, which this year included exploring the new parcel of land on Carpenter Hill Road, Green River, and the stream at the old Springs Farm Resort. Verandah Porche joined us again this summer, gathering words from the children, creating group and individual poems based on the day's experiences

and general whimsy.

- Pre-school Storytime - Every Tuesday morning, infants, toddlers and pre-schoolers were invited to engage with literature, brought to life with songs, chants, rhymes, and movement.
- Talk About Books - An ongoing group of people who like to read and talk about the books they read. The group selects a book to read for the next month, and the library supplies the books. New participants are always welcome.
- Vermont Reads: *Wonder!* - Working with partners Guilford Community Church, Guilford Central School, Guilford Country Store, and the Guilford Town Office, we distributed 70 copies of the book, most of them read by many people. The book was the topic of discussion at both the July and August meetings of Talk About Books. It was the inspiration for *Wonder and Challenge*, a conversation of parents and other adults who live and work with the wonder and challenges of young people with special needs. NEYT's Theatre Adventure Troupe presented *Courageous!*, and many of the daily poems read aloud at the Guilford Central School addressed issues brought up by the book.
- Poems in October - Guilford's celebration of the 100th birthday of Welsh poet Dylan Thomas began at the Library with Don McLean, talking about and reading from Thomas' work.
- Halloween Party - We invited families with young children to trick or treat our seven neighbors in Guilford Center and then end up by trick or treating the library. Then we had a little party with snacks, songs, and semi-spooky stories. Two longtime library volunteers, Laura Lewis and Becky Anderson, are the backbone of this annual event and are greatly appreciated for helping keep this tradition alive and well.

Our Outreach activities included:

- School Visits - Visits with students during the year to encourage their participation in library activities.
- Home Delivery of Books
- Library at Golden Ager's Luncheons
- Read For America - Librarian reads to individual kindergarteners and first graders.

The library is open Tuesday 9:30am-6pm; Wednesday 1-8pm; Thursday, 3-6pm; Saturday 9:30am-3pm, and for special programs, as announced. Please stop by.

Cathrine Wilken, Librarian
Becky Anderson, Trustee
Mimi Morton, Trustee
Judith Serkin, Trustee
Richard Wizansky, Trustee

Leah Gessner, Assistant Librarian
Sandra Cortes, Trustee
Carol Schnabel, Trustee
Laura Lawson Tucker, Trustee

GUILFORD FREE LIBRARY FINANCIAL REPORT

On Hand (Checking), July 1, 2013

(\$209.54)

Income:

Town Appropriation	\$27,000.00
Fundraising	12,923.66
Lost Books	331.91

Interest Earned	125.43	40,381.00	
Expense:			
Salaries	(21,930.77)		
Library materials	(5,202.16)		
Library Supplies	(383.95)		
Program	(1,299.97)		
Maintenance	(716.29)		
Electricity	(1,350.74)		
Gas	(2,229.80)		
Telephone	(197.14)		
FiberOptic	(392.76)		
Office Supplies	(29.21)		
Postage	(1,139.31)		
Fundraising	(1,007.06)		
Computer	(301.03)		
Bank Fees	(235.45)		
Dues/Subscriptions	(47.00)	(36,462.64)	3,918.36
Balance (Checking), June 30, 2014			\$3,708.82
In Transit Balance, June 30, 2014			6,007.63
Agnew Memorial Fund: Building Projects			
Balance, July 1, 2013		771.53	
Interest Earned		21.30	
Transferred to Checking		(64.88)	
Balance, June 30, 2014		727.95	727.95
Thomas Memorial Fund: Interest to be used for Children's Books			
Balance, July 1, 2013		2,007.46	
Interest Earned		7.19	
Transferred to Checking		(8.13)	
Balance, June 30, 2013		2,006.52	2,006.52
Calista Fund: Interest to be used for Children's and Women's Books			
Balance, July 1, 2013		12,773.21	
Interest Earned		85.28	
Deposit		1,265.00	
Transferred to Checking		(322.72)	
Balance, June 30, 2014		13,800.77	13,800.77
Building Improvement Funds			
Balance, July 1, 2013		24,811.82	
Interest Earned		10.93	
Deposits		6,757.38	
Transferred to Checking		(18,118.94)	
Balance, June 30, 2014		13,461.19	13,461.19
Total of Combined Funds, June 30, 2014			\$39,782.88



THE GUILFORD GAZETTE

The Guilford Gazette is alive and well after being published as part of the Guilford Central School program for 19 years. It is now being published by town volunteers under the auspices of the Guilford Free Library. To date the community group has created and sent out 4 issues in 2014 (February, May, August, and November), and recently the February issue for 2015.

The staff is Cathi Wilken, coordinator; Susan Bonthron, editor; Michele Frehsee, production artist; Lisa Ford, school liaison; Marli Rabinowitz, events and activities coordinator; Linda Hay, development coordinator, and Carol Levin, advertising director. Other volunteers assist in getting articles, folding and labeling, writing articles, and providing other assistance. More volunteers are always welcome.

Advertising income and donations are financing most of the printing and distribution of the Guilford Gazette, which is sent to every mailing address in Guilford, as well as to other interested people.

Balance July 1, 2013		\$0.00
Income		
Transfer from Guilford School	3,464.58	
Advertising	3,740.00	
Interest	2.39	
Total Income	7,206.97	
Expense		
Computer program	(684.99)	
Postage	(385.19)	
Printing	(2,000.44)	
Supplies	(94.46)	
Total Expense	(3,165.08)	
Net Income	4,041.89	
Receivables	779.45	
Balance June 30, 2014		\$4,821.34

VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that is owned by its member municipalities and directed by a 13-member Board of Directors comprised of municipal officials from across the state elected by the membership.

VLCT's mission is to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, along with 134 other municipal entities, including villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions and fire districts.

Vermonters use local government services – including highways, police, fire, recreation, libraries, sewer, and water – on a daily basis. In large part, volunteer elected and appointed municipal officials lead these local governments.

VLCT provides the following services to its member cities and towns, so that they may provide their citizens with quality services at affordable costs:

- Legal, consulting, and education services. In the past year, VLCT's Municipal

Assistance Center (MAC) responded to nearly 3,500 inquiries for assistance from municipal officials. MAC also conducted 18 workshops that attracted more than 1,250 people. For example, our workshop on how to comply with the new Open Meeting Law changes and the Public Records Act drew more than 140 attendees. Additionally, we conducted 10 on-site workshops held at municipal offices on a wide range of topics, and we provided 26 municipalities with legal review of ordinances and policies, financial assistance, and other specialized consulting services. We produced new materials to help members comply with the Open Meeting Law and revised our Town Officers Handbook. These and all of our publications may be purchased or accessed free of charge on our website at our Resource Library. The Library also contains nearly 1,000 other electronic documents, including technical papers, model polices, and newsletter articles that are currently accessible to the general public. MAC has also retained the services of professionals in municipal finance, administration, and policing to provide consulting advice to towns.

- Advocacy representation before the state and national governments to ensure that municipalities have the resources and authority they need to serve their citizens. VLCT is a leader in the education property tax debate, enhancing local voter authority in governance decisions, municipal efforts to clean up our lakes and rivers, and securing revenues for town highway and bridge maintenance programs. Municipalities will face significant challenges in the 2015 legislature as limited financial resources at the national and state level continue to force more demand for services to the local level. We also provide a Weekly Legislative Report that details legislative issues affecting municipal government. It is available to all free-of-charge on the VLCT website.
- Purchasing opportunities to provide needed services at the lowest cost. Examples include municipal unemployment, property, casualty and workers' compensation insurance coverage for town operations. The VLCT Employee Resource and Benefit (VERB) Trust continues to assist towns navigate their way to Vermont Health Connect and to help municipalities not in the exchange to secure health insurance through the marketplace. The substantial municipal damages resulting from recent weather events makes the value of VLCT Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) to all our members quite clear, as members benefit from the broad coverage, excellent re-insurance, and prompt service and claims payments. Our two Trusts are responsible in 2014 for \$24 million in municipal tax dollars spent for insurance and risk management services.

To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, including its audited financial statements, visit the VLCT website at www.vlct.org.

Steven Jeffrey
Executive Director

WINDHAM REGIONAL COMMISSION

The mission of the Windham Regional Commission (WRC) is to assist towns in Southeastern Vermont to provide effective local government and to work cooperatively with them to address regional issues. In the absence of county government, we provide an essential link between towns, the state, and the federal govern-

ment. The WRC is comprised of 27 member towns: the 23 towns of Windham County; Readsboro, Searsburg and Winhall in Bennington County; and Weston in Windsor County.

The Commission is composed of and governed by town-appointed Commissioners. Towns choose their own representatives to serve on the Commission. After town meeting, each Selectboard appoints up to two representatives to serve on the Commission for the coming year. Guilford is currently represented by Bill Murray and Dick Clark. Each Commissioner represents their town's interests before the Commission, brings information from the Commission back to their town, and serves on at least one of a number of committees that address regional and municipal issues and concerns. Active service on these committees is very important because the WRC is organized around a strong committee structure. It's within these committees that most Commission decisions are made. The 10 professional staff of the WRC provides support to the Committees, as well as to our member towns.

The Commission assists towns with activities in a number of different areas including town plans and bylaws; community and economic development; testing, technical support and cleanup funding for the redevelopment of "Brownfields" sites which are those sites that are or may be contaminated by hazardous substances; natural resources; transportation planning; infrastructure and capital improvement planning; traffic counts; emergency planning; energy planning; review of projects submitted for review through Act 250 (land use), Section 248 (energy generation and transmission, telecommunications), and federal permitting processes; grant application and administration; development and management of capital improvement projects; and mapping and geographic information system (GIS) analyses.

Our relationship with our towns is inherently collaborative. For instance, towns choose to have their plans reviewed by the Commission; town plan review and approval by the Commission is not mandatory. The regional plan, which was just updated through a 2-year process, is developed in consultation with our towns and is ultimately approved by our towns. We help towns make the most of the financial and human resources they have both individually and collectively. We assist with projects between and among towns, build and augment the capacity of volunteer-based town boards and commissions, and provide professional services to towns that may want to take on a project that is beyond what they can comfortably manage with their own staff and volunteers.

Highlights from the past year reflect the range of services we provide to the towns of the region. We assisted 23 towns at their request with plans, zoning and zoning administration, flood hazard area regulation updates, and community revitalization. Staff and the WRC's Project Review Committee received and reviewed 109 Act 250 applications and 9 Section 248 applications. Culvert inventories, road/infrastructure inventories, traffic studies and/or sign inventories were provided for 18 towns. We assisted all of our towns with the development and submittal of Local Emergency Operations Plans and other requirements to maximize benefits related to the Emergency Relief Assistance Fund, which provides state funding to match federal dollars in the event of a federally-declared disaster. We have led the region's response to the announcement of the closure

of Entergy Vermont Yankee, including understanding what the economic impacts will be and what the decommissioning process will entail. As part of the Irene Recovery Project collaboration funded by the U.S. Economic Development Agency we completed 17 long-term recovery plans for the hardest hit villages and downtowns. An annual report is available on our website (www.windhamregional.org). Click on the heading “About Us.”

Funding for the Windham Regional Commission is provided through contracts with state agencies, federal grants, and town assessments. While town assessments make up a relatively small percentage of our budget – about 7 percent of a \$1.2 million budget for FY 2015 – it is virtually the only funding we receive that has no conditions placed upon it by entities beyond the Commission’s borders. Your town’s assessment makes it possible for us to leverage the resources that enable us to serve you across the range of activities mentioned above. We have based our budget on a modest increase in the per resident assessment rate from \$1.83 to \$1.88. The \$1.88 per resident rate will result in a total assessment of \$3,957 from Guilford for the new fiscal year. Guilford may wish to budget additional amounts for town-specific work needed from the WRC. To see our detailed Program of Work and budget for FY2015, visit our website and click on the heading “About Us.

Chris Campany
Executive Director

GUILFORD EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

This was a busy and interesting year. We have to sincerely thank ALL those who participated in the multiple-day CAT-2 Exercise. This began early in 2014 with a Table-top Exercise at the Fire Station with many participants. It continued with multiple trips “up north” by our trusted agents. Without them the Exercise would not have happened, and without them it would not have been a success. An after-action review of the Table-top had us make changes, write plans, change lists, and add personnel. The actual Exercise, which involved many towns, hospitals, and agencies throughout the State for a five-day period appears to have been a success. Sure, there were glitches. Sure, not everything was “perfect”. We learned a lot. Our Shelter staff at the Guilford Community Church opened a local shelter. They learned in real time how to respond to an emergency; it will be difficult, but they will make it work! The staff at the EOC, with cooperation of our local simulation cell, found they could solve problems that they had not drilled for.

We are beginning a transition from our existing RENTS (Rapid Emergency Network Telephone System) which we used during Irene and Sandy, to VTALERT. This system is presently used by the State to notify the EOC pager carriers, and appears to work very well. Anyone can sign up for this, by going to www.vtalert.gov, choose the way to want to receive the alert, and the type of situation you wish to be notified for. Anne Emerson, our RENTS coordinator, is in the process of transferring the RENTS data base to VTALERT. We will continue to use the RENTS system until VTALERT is “up”.

The Guilford School, Guilford Fire Dept., Vermont State Police, Windham County Sheriff’s Dept., and the EOC staff are continuing updates of the school

crisis plan and intend to exercise this plan in the near future.

In December, The EOC staff, along with all the EPZ Towns, and the State, participated in the last Vermont Yankee Drill with an operating reactor. We will continue to drill, but the emphasis will be different, in ways we do not know yet.

Herbert S. Meyer
Candace J. Stoumen
Co-Directors

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Guilford Conservation Commission (GCC) was formed in 2000. Our mission is: to identify, inventory, foster education about, and help protect Guilford's natural, scenic, recreational, historic, educational, cultural, architectural, agricultural, and archaeological resources for the public good. The commission shall help residents and town officials recognize the value of these resources and administer them for the benefit of future generations.

Current members include Bill Jewell, Linda Hecker, Susan James, Linda Lembke, Rory Lincoln, Karen Murphy, Bevan Quinn, Marli Rabinowitz, with Dick Clark representing the Selectboard. We invite members of the community to join a number of working sub-committees, including Natural Resources Inventory, Invasives Planning, and Communication.

In 2014 we continued our focus on "invasives" - invasive plants that are displacing native species and altering the ecological balance in our rural community. In May, we co-hosted with Dummerston CC our second successful Invasive Plant workshop. Over 50 people attended, not only from Guilford, but from neighboring towns, since invasive plants do not acknowledge town boundaries. Bill Guenther, our Windham County Forester and Andrew Morrison, a graduate student from Antioch University, gave informative talks about identifying and dealing with invasive plants. Then we moved outside for field demonstrations by several local experts on how to use mechanical tools such as weed wrenches and pull bars to uproot unwanted plants. In September we co-sponsored with Dummerston a well-attended presentation by a Connecticut state biologist on the relation between invasive plants and ticks. We provided informational tables at Town Meeting and the Guilford Fair and wrote several articles for the Guilford Gazette.

We also purchased new resources for our display and lending library about invasive plants.

We provided support to the Town Planning Commission by drafting the Natural Resources sections of the new Town Plan. We were chosen by Windham Regional Commission for a Forest Stewardship grant which provides technical assistance in writing the forest resources sections. We are looking into ways to fund a Natural Resources Inventory which is crucial for establishing a baseline for planning how to best manage and preserve Guilford's valuable natural resources.

We resumed our work on Ancient Roads, conducting extensive research in order to make recommendations to the Selectboard about potential additions to the Town Highway map before the deadline in February, 2015, after which the public loses rights of way to any unidentified roads and trails.

Several members attended specialized training sessions at the Association of VT Conservation Commissions annual conference and at Municipal Day in Montpelier, taking advantage of resources at the state and regional levels. We attended a joint regional commission meeting in Putney in March and hosted one in Guilford in November, increasing our collaborative efforts with nearby groups.

We met the challenge of the new Open Meeting Law which went into effect in July, 2014, requiring public posting of meeting agendas and minutes in a timely way. We also communicated with our constituents via Front Porch Forum and the Guilford Gazette.

The Conservation Commission holds regular meetings on the third Thursday of each month and sponsors monthly exploratory walks on Guilford's old roads and special places, usually on Sunday afternoons, to which the public is invited. If you'd like to participate in our activities or join a working committee, contact chair Linda Hecker at lrhecker47@gmail.com

Linda Hecker
Chair

GUILFORD CEMETERY COMMISSION

"The paths of glory lead but to the grave," wrote Thomas Gray in "Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard." No one can slow the momentum of mortality, but we can, literally and figuratively, keep the passages clear. It is the responsibility of the Guilford Cemetery Commission to ensure:

- the availability of gracious burial space for town residents
- the integrity, historic and aesthetic, of the town cemeteries under our care
- the use of cemeteries for solace, education, and appreciation of the town's identity
- the maintenance of funds for cemetery care

During 2014, the Commission created a unified vision and action plan, moving from thrifty maintenance to thoughtful, active stewardship. Our conservation project, led by Connie Silver, is slowly gaining traction with the Science Department of Brattleboro Union High School. We hope to report progress toward a student-centered monitoring program to assess the impact of weather on worked stones. This will be the first step in a multi-year conservation project. In addition, we will reach out to the Stone Trust in Dummerston to gauge interest in bringing students to repair perimeter walls. These initiatives may require seed money for grants, but this year's request is for level funding.

Spearheaded by our newest member Gerry Baker, Commission meetings have become work bees, followed by further repairs and maintenance. Each month at a different cemetery, we assessed conditions for access, perimeter walls, gates and stones. We removed trees and saplings and reassembled crumbling walls. Digging carefully around each tilting gravestone, we set it straight, gently tamping down the dirt. The hush as we knelt at the beautiful Blanchard Cemetery felt lighthearted yet reverential. From Gray's epitaph: "Here rests his head upon the lap of earth."

Verandah Porche
Commissioner

TOWN CEMETERIES

Lee Carpenter Blanchard Wilkins Hill Weatherhead Hollow
Colgrove Maplehurst and Elmhurst Stark Burrows Plain Billings Groll

PLANNING COMMISSION

HISTORY - Proposed Warning for Town Meeting in 1958 Article 14 -

“To see if the town will vote to establish a Town Planning Committee for study and recommendations to the voters regarding future growth and development of Guilford...” The first Planning Commission was then formed with 5 members: Otis Sibley, Sam St. John, William Fitch, Homer Thomas, and Rodney Clark as Selectman member.

56 years later, Guilford Planning Commissioners serve staggered 3-year terms and are appointed by the Selectboard. Every 5 years, the Commission prepares a revision to the Town Plan for consideration and adoption by the Selectboard. The Commission may prepare and present proposed bylaws to the Selectboard, and may be called upon to administer those bylaws that are adopted. They are also authorized to undertake studies and make recommendations on matters of land development, urban renewal, transportation, economic and social development, urban beautification and design improvements, historic and scenic preservation, the conservation of energy, the development of renewable energy resources and wetland protection. The Planning Commission may be called upon to prepare and present to the Selectboard a recommended capital budget and program.

The current Planning Commission is a very diverse group from each corner of Guilford that represents many different age groups and years spent in Guilford, varied types of employment and backgrounds, and viewpoints. The current members are Tanya Balsley, Chuck Clark, Harry Evans, Michelle Frehsee (chair), Jackie Gaines, Hal Kuhns (vice-chair), Andy Loughney, Herb Meyer, and Sheila Morse (clerk).

Throughout 2014, the Planning Commission has worked diligently on finalizing a significant revision of our Town Plan. The purpose of the Town Plan is to provide guidance to the various town boards, officers, and citizens that reflects the community’s interest in and wishes for Guilford’s character, development, environment, quality of life, economy, resources, and more. It is up to the community to use this information to create the best outcomes for us as individuals and as a town. We have carefully addressed each variable through lengthy research and discussion in respect of Guilford’s past, present and future. Our work reflects the Guilford public’s wishes to the extent that the public participates in the open process. In gathering information for the 2015-2020 Town Plan we have distributed surveys to every home in Guilford, held four open forums at the Grange, participated in the Vermont Council on Rural Development’s Community Visit Program to ensure our work reflected the facilitated community-wide discussions, been guided by visiting authorities from Windham Regional Commission, attended workshops on planning, attended a school board meeting, participated in the Hazard Mitigation planning process, worked closely with various citizens, boards and commissions, and worked at length with the Conservation Commission.

We are in the final stages of our draft, and will be hosting a forum soon for public comment prior to Selectboard review. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The Planning Commission meets at the Town Office on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm. Members of public are always welcome.

Michelle Frehsee
Planning Commission Chair

RESCUE INC

It is our pleasure to provide emergency medical services to your community. Last year was busy for the staff at Rescue Inc. We responded to 4,732 calls during our last reporting year ending in October, with 3,551 patients transported. Patients were transported to 32 area hospitals, specialty centers, and nursing homes with treatment requirements ranging from basic first aid to invasive lifesaving interventions. Our service is provided by a staff of fifty-three full time, part time, and volunteer staff members operating a fleet of seven ambulances out of two stations.

As a regional non-profit, we rely heavily on the support of the communities we serve. The commitment to our community started in 1966 and continues today as we all try to navigate through changes in our health care system. The nature of health care and emergency medicine has become extremely sophisticated. Access to specialists and the latest technology during emergencies often requires critical care level transports to more distant hospitals. In the last year we have seen this trend, which often takes our ambulances out of the area several times a day. To meet this new demand we have had to increase our daily staffing and have purchased smaller, more fuel efficient, ambulances. This past year has also been a year of upgrading our medical technology. Thanks to your support during our annual “heart of the matter campaign”, we have been able to replace half of our cardiac monitors with the newest technology available. We hope to replace the remaining monitors at the conclusion of this year’s campaign.

The changes nationally in emergency medical treatment have increased the demand on our training and education programs for professional medical staff

Spectating at the Fair; Harry & Nancy Evans



as well as the public. We are running monthly CPR and AED programs and have been able to provide equipment and training to many of the West River Valley schools with funding from the Holt Foundation. Training for professional rescuers is now being done at our Flat Street training center. These programs support development of new local responders and provide for the continuing education. This year we anticipate additional changes as a result of healthcare reform and will watch several pieces of federal legislation in hopes that a long term ambulance funding bill will bring some predictability from the federal insurers. Regardless, we will work to ensure that the emergency medical treatment, transportation and rescue services in our region continue to be cutting edge and affordable.

Drew Hazelton
Chief of Operations

FRIENDS OF MUSIC AT GUILFORD

Founded in 1966 and granted nonprofit status in 1971. The office moved from Packer Corners Road to the Bee Barn in Algiers in 2006. We present concerts and other musical events, many admission-free, as well as an annual Music Enrichment residency for Guilford Central School (GCS) and a performance series for elders in the greater Brattleboro area.

2014 began in the middle of our 48th Season: “Lucy Terry Prince & The Black Man in Song,” on February 22 at Guilford Community Church, was funded in part by a Small & Inspiring Grant from Vermont Community Foundation. A multimedia talk on 18th-century Guilfordite Lucy Terry Prince was followed by tenor Irwin Reese and pianist Julia Bady performing songs by African American composers.

On March 12, 13, & 14, our 6th annual residency program at the School included intensive rhythm, vocal, and instrumental workshops with Todd Roach and Anna Patton for upper grades and band members. Residency teachers and workshop students performed for the school. A grant of seed money from the Max Y. Seaton Trust was supplemented by a fundraising concert on March 14 at the Vermont Jazz Center and a March 26 Spaghetti Supper at GCS.

Our 5th Women in Music house-concert gala, on April 26, featured arias and chamber music by New England composer Elise Grant.

On May 25, our 6th Spring Recital and Holiday Cookout at The Organ Barn featured “An American Organ Odyssey,” with Ken Olsson performing solo works by six New England composers born in the 19th century.

“A Cappella à la Carte,” at Guilford Community Church on June 14, included our brief annual Membership Meeting, a community potluck, and a concert by three diverse regional a cappella groups: The Guilford Chamber Singers, The WhatAreWeDoingThis Four, and Honest Harmony.

Our 49th Season began at the Guilford Organ Barn on Saturday of Labor Day Weekend with “Bs of the Baroque & More” performed by organist William McKim. Sunday afternoon’s picnic and concert, moved to the Grange for threatening weather, featured the Guilford Festival Orchestra under the baton of Kenneth Olsson.

On November 2, All Souls Day, we collaborated on “Rest in Peace” with Brattleboro Area Hospice in honor of its 35th anniversary year. Works set to New England epitaphs by regional composers Tom Baehr and Bruce Randall were

performed by an a cappella sextet, and the Chamber Players also performed.

Our 44th Community Messiah Sing on December 6, at Centre Congregational Church in Brattleboro, raised nearly \$1,650 for the Brattleboro Area Drop In Center and Morningside Shelter's work with the homeless.

2014 ended with our 42nd Christmas at Christ Church on December 12 & 13. Familiar holiday texts in unfamiliar musical settings were performed by The Guilford Chamber Singers with instrumental interludes by Guilford Chamber Players. Don McLean reprised his reading of "A Child's Christmas in Wales," and we ended with a carol sing.

We invite Guilford folks to participate in and attend our events, and support us through door donations or tickets, memberships, and program book ads. Look at the FOMAG website for remaining events in our current season. Our 50th Anniversary Season begins on Labor Day weekend. Information: office@fomag.org, (802) 254-3600, www.fomag.org

WINDHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

The Windham County Sheriff's Office provided an augmented police service to the people of Guilford FY2014 in the amount of \$4,000, or approximately 93 hours of service for the year. Our office was able to provide 108 hours of service, at no additional cost to the town. The service provided included motor vehicle enforcement and response to minor calls for service, or calls where response was refused by the town's primary law enforcement agency. During FY14, we issued a total of 14 tickets. Under Vermont law, the town could receive up to \$1,326.40 in fund disbursement from the Vermont Court Administrator's Office/Vermont Judicial Bureau from this ticket revenue. Additionally, 19 warnings were issued and 39 calls for service were answered.

Our radio systems are beginning to see significant improvement as we transition from analog to digital systems. Through grant funding, we were able to purchase several repeater systems which will significantly improve the operation of our radios throughout the county. You may have seen several "new-to-us" cruisers driving around as well. These used cars were integrated into our vehicle rotation to ensure we have a reliable fleet and steady replacement schedule. The purchase of these helps us maintain current reliable equipment, while offsetting the cost of maintenance of older cruisers. This year, we also rolled out our new website, which harnesses new technologies that improve the efficiency of our operations.

Along with years past, we've provided several community services throughout the county with no cost or effect on the contract rate. These programs include Click It or Ticket, the Southeastern Unit for Special Investigation, Are You Okay?, DUI campaigns, the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program, Toys for Kids, snowmobile patrols and the Camp Leadership Challenge. We continue to maintain a secured anonymous drug disposal bin in our lobby, to help the citizens of our community safely dispose of unwanted/unused prescription medications without it going into their groundwater or being stolen. It is the continued support of Guilford and others which help contribute to our ability to provide these no-cost services to Windham County as a whole.

The Windham County Sheriff's Office has again been pleased to serve the

people of Guilford and look forward to the upcoming year. If you have a need for our services, please don't hesitate to contact our office at 802-365-4942 for non-emergencies or 911 for emergencies.

Keith D. Clark, Sheriff

BRATTLEBORO AREA HOSPICE

Brattleboro Area Hospice provides non-medical, volunteer-staffed programs for dying and grieving community members. We develop, train, place, and support volunteers. We provide education and outreach to increase our community's understanding of and ability to cope with the issues of death and dying.

Brattleboro Area Hospice is dedicated to the belief that each of us can offer companionship and support to those around us who are dying or grieving. We are one of fewer than 200 volunteer hospices left in the United States. Our volunteers provide wide-ranging support to clients and their families regardless of whether a patient resides at home, is in a hospital, a long term care facility, or some other location. Hospice volunteers organize and participate in round the clock vigils when the time is close and family can't be present. We offer bereavement support groups creating a safe environment for sharing experiences, exploring feelings, providing mutual support, and gaining insight into the grieving process. We publish a bereavement newsletter, *Seasons*, offer one-on-one grief counseling, and conduct an Annual Service of Remembrance at our Hospice Memorial Garden at Living Memorial Park.

One hundred percent of our funding is local; we receive no money from state, federal, or insurance sources. All of our services are offered free of charge. Your financial support helps to make this possible. We are grateful to be able to provide this compassionate care to our friends and neighbors, and grateful for the community's support which makes our work possible.

In the past year, Brattleboro Area Hospice served 27 Guilford residents. Seven Guilford residents served as volunteers. Please call us at 257-0775 with any questions on death or dying or visit us at www.brattleborohospice.org

Susan Parris
Executive Director

SENIOR SOLUTIONS, COUNCIL ON AGING FOR SE VERMONT

Senior Solutions - Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont, Inc. fosters and supports successful aging of seniors in the Guilford community and throughout Windham and Windsor Counties.

To assist seniors in Guilford we offer a number of services, including:

- Information and Assistance - Our Senior HelpLine at 1-800-642-5119 is a toll free number which offers help applying for benefits, assistance with health insurance problems, housing needs, fuel assistance, and many other services. As part of the Medicare Part D prescription program we have trained staff available by phone, office or home.
- Senior Nutrition - 575 Home Delivered meals were provided. Congregate meals are offered in Guilford, Townshend, and at the Brattleboro Senior Center.

- Transportation - Special arrangements are made for non-Medicaid seniors requiring medical transportation.
- Case Management & Advocacy - One on one case management enables seniors to access services which help them remain safe at home. Often minimal services can prevent premature institutionalization. Some clients who require nursing home level of care are able to remain at home with family caregivers and trained personal care givers. Senior Solutions served 10 Guilford residents this past year.
- Care Giver Respite - Through grants we provide respite assistance for caregivers of those diagnosed with dementia or other chronic diseases.

Your town contribution generates Federal matching funds to support our activities. We do not charge for any of our services. The support of Guilford citizens is greatly appreciated.

Joyce A. Lemire
Executive Director

EARLY EDUCATION SERVICES

Early Education Services reinstated the Federal 2013 sequestration cuts this year by creating a new Early Head Start classroom for 8 infants/toddlers in our Westminster site, with a renovated space slated to open February 2015. These funds also allowed us to reinstate a Home Visitor position, and the opportunity to partner again with West Bee and Brattleboro Nursery Schools to deliver Head Start educational services for 5 children at each partnership site. Additionally, we added a third new childcare partner, Windham Child Care Association's Sprouts Program.

We strive to assist our children in achieving these School Readiness Goals:

- Social Emotional Development: Children will develop the skills necessary to foster secure attachment with adults, maintain healthy relationships, regulate behavior and emotions, and develop a healthy concept of personal identity. A solid base of emotional security and social competence enables children to participate fully in learning experiences and form positive relationships with teachers and peers.
- Approaches to Learning: Children will develop a sense of wonder, a willingness to participate, persistence in their efforts, and the ability to connect past learning to new situations.
- Literacy/Language Development: Children will increase their language and communication skills by engaging in meaningful experiences that require them to effectively express their ideas and feelings, listen, and understand others. Children will understand basic concepts about books or other printed materials, the alphabet, and letter sound relationships.
- Physical Health and Development: Children will develop early health habits to support physical well-being, use of their bodies, muscle control, and appropriate nutrition, exercise, hygiene, and safety practices.
- Cognition and General Knowledge: Children will use a variety of approaches to learning, reasoning, problem solving, and executive functioning skills to demonstrate new learning in all developmental areas.

EES Head Start and Early Head Start children demonstrated significant progress, measured by Teaching Strategies Gold Data assessments collected in the fall, winter, and spring last year, in all learning domains. This success was

due to a focus on teaching with intentionality, utilizing curriculum rich with social/emotional foundations, and working with parents to reinforce school readiness skills at home. Our Behavior Specialist, funded with Vermont Strengthening Families funds, created opportunities for teachers to learn more about responding to the unique needs of highly stressed children and provided direct individualized support for children to have successful school experiences.

EES also provided direct supports for parents to improve their parenting skills and work toward their self-sufficiency goals by continuing to offer a menu of workshops and sessions, including “Dedicated Dads”, “Rocking Horse” for parents affected by substance abuse, and “Proactive Parenting”. Our Fall event, “What To Do When Your Child Gets Sick”, aimed at partnering with parents to understand common childhood health and safety issues, achieved our goal, with an attendance of 40 parents and over 70 staff, and was supported by raffle prizes donated from several Windham County businesses.

We look forward to the increased opportunities for more 4 year olds to have access to quality preschool experiences, such as those offered to over 200 EES children, with additional Universal Pre-K funds coming our way.

In closing, I wish to acknowledge the dedicated EES staff and support of this great community which enables us to deliver quality services to the families of Windham County.

Debra J. Gass
EES Executive Director

BRATTLEBORO AREA DROP IN CENTER

The Brattleboro Area Drop In Center provided emergency food assistance to 205 unduplicated Guilford residents in FY14. Our organization’s service records indicate these Guilford residents were comprised of 104 adults, and 101 children. Overall, the Drop In Center provided food, outreach, and case management services to over 19,000 unduplicated people in the past year.

Our organization has been serving an increasing number of working families who struggle with issues of food security, especially when faced with high costs for fuel, medicine and childcare. The Drop In Center does not anticipate this trend reversing itself in the upcoming year, as our organization’s service records indicate a continuous increase in services provided from year to year.

We are very appreciative of the support Guilford provides to our agency. Thank you for your consideration.

Lucie Fortier
Executive Director

MORNINGSIDE SHELTER

Founded in 1979, our mission is to provide a safe space and ongoing support to families and individuals facing challenges to maintaining stable housing. Over the past 35 years, Morningside has developed the knowledge, systems, and institutional capacity to effectively assist homeless families and individuals in securing and successfully maintaining stable housing. Last year, Morningside Shelter was “home” to



*Hal Kuhns and Eric Barradale at a snowshoe
& XC ski event at the Fairgrounds.*

118 individual people, roughly a third of whom were children. As the only year-round homeless shelter in southeastern Vermont, our services are in high demand:

- *Morningside Shelter* offers 30 beds and intensive case management for individuals and families experiencing homelessness - we work collaboratively to help residents connect to a wide range of wrap-around services, and assist in identifying and applying for affordable housing.
- *Housing Support Case Management* provides housing retention support services to individuals and families as they transition back into housing.
- *The Representative Payee Program* offers intermediary financial management for Social Security recipients; ensuring that rent and basic living expenses are paid, to keep participants housed and in good financial standing.
- *The Youth Shelter Collaborative* provides cost-effective shelter for homeless youth – Morningside holds the master lease on the apartment, providing shelter for youth receiving case management through Youth Services.

Libby Bennett
Development Director

GREEN MOUNTAIN RSVP

The Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program), part of the Corporation for National and Community Service-Senior Corps, is a nation-wide program for people age 55 and older who wish to make positive impacts in the communities in which they reside. Through meaningful and significant use of their skills and knowledge, they volunteer their services to programs and non-profits in the local area. At Green Mountain RSVP we view our senior population as our most valuable asset in keeping our communities strong through volunteerism.

RSVP has been helping local non-profit and civic organizations by recruiting and placing volunteers to meet vital community needs. Our goal is to ensure that volunteers contribute their time and talents to programs that have a significant, positive impact on the quality of life in Windham County. Our volunteers address community concerns that are vital for our senior population and their neighbors.

They include supporting Healthy Futures and Aging in Place through food

pantry support, meal delivery, and transportation. For instance in our companionship & wellness programs we offer 11 Bone Builder classes throughout Windham County serving over 400 seniors around Southern Vermont.

Volunteers in Guilford have served hours at Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, Holton Memorial Home, served as tutors and mentors in local elementary school, served as companions to elders and supporting the Reformer Christmas Stocking Project. Other volunteers assist by leading Bone Builder Classes and supported numerous other community priorities throughout Windham County. GMRSVP volunteers from Guilford generously donated over 1,221 hours of service last year. RSVP will continue to build programming around support of Aging in Place and Healthy Futures in Windham County in the upcoming year.

You are always welcome to contact us in our Windham office at (802) 254-7515 or speak to me directly in the Bennington Office at (802) 447-1545.

We are more than happy to attend a town meeting to discuss the changes in our program and answer any questions that you may have. Thank-you for your continued support.

Elaine Haytko
GMRSVP Director

SEVCA

Southeastern Vermont Community Action is an anti-poverty, community based, nonprofit organization serving Windham and Windsor counties since 1965.

Our mission is to enable people to cope with and reduce the hardships of poverty; create sustainable self-sufficiency; reduce the causes and move toward the elimination of poverty. SEVCA has a variety of programs and services to meet this end. They include: Head Start, Weatherization, Emergency Home Repair, Emergency Services (i.e., fuel, utility, housing and food assistance), Micro Business Development, Individual Development Accounts, Tax Preparation, Working Bridges (resource coordination), VT Health Connect Navigation, Disaster Recovery, Thrift Stores and Textile Recycling.

In the community of Guilford we have provided the following services during FY2014:

- Weatherization: 14 homes (32 people) were weatherized at a cost of \$127,950
- Emergency Heating Systems: 3 homes (6 people) received a furnace repair or replacement, valued at \$1,183
- Micro Business Development: 6 households (10 people) received counseling, technical assistance and support to start, sustain or expand a small business, valued at \$13,216
- Individual Development Accounts: 3 households (5 people) earned \$6,560 in matched savings, and received financial literacy services valued at \$1,361
- Tax Preparation: 6 households (7 people) received services and tax credits totaling \$4,397
- VT Health Connect: 20 households (57 people) received assistance with enrolling in the Vermont Health Exchange, valued at \$2,880
- Emergency Services: 33 households (65 people) received 202 services (including crisis intervention, financial counseling, nutrition education, referral to and

assistance in accessing needed services), valued at \$1,703

- Fuel/Utility Assistance: 20 households (51 people) received services valued at \$11,410
- Housing & Other Support Services: 3 households (4 people) received housing and other support services valued at \$3,854
- Resource Coordination: 1 employee (1 in family) in a local business received services to help with employee retention, advancement, and financial stability, valued at \$485
- Emergency Home Repair: 2 homes (4 people) received services to address health and safety risks, repair structural problems, and reduce energy waste, valued at \$15,100

Community support, through town funding, helps to build a strong partnership. The combination of federal, state, private, and town funds allow us to not only maintain, but also to increase and improve service.

We thank the residents of Guilford for their support.

Stephen Geller
Executive Director

WINDHAM CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION

Windham Child Care Association has been pleased to serve Guilford residents over the last year with its many programs and services for the childcare community: children, families, and early childhood and afterschool professionals. Nineteen families from Guilford accessed Windham Child Care Association's Child Care Referral and Eligibility programs to help find and access childcare for twenty-nine children.

The key factor in the quality of an early childhood or after-school care program is the knowledge, skill, and caring of the professionals working there. This year we expanded our professional development programs and services to include the region's first Farm to Preschool program, a pool of trained and subsidized teachers for childcare programs, the administration of the United Way Fund for Quality Early Education, and the re-institution of a mentorship program to help childcare providers stay engaged in their professional development.

Families and early educators are not the only beneficiaries of our programs. With quality childcare in place, employers can attract and retain a productive workforce and the local economy thrives.

The financial support of the Town of Guilford is not only of direct importance in helping sustain our programs, but it also helps us leverage other private funding. We truly appreciate Guilford's support of our work!

Margaret Atkinson
Executive Director

WINDHAM & WINDSOR HOUSING TRUST

Windham & Windsor Housing Trust (WWHT) is a non-profit organization serving the residents of Windham and southern Windsor County. The organization was founded in 1987.

WWHT's mission is to strengthen the communities of Southeast Vermont through the development and stewardship of permanently affordable housing and through ongoing support and advocacy for its residents.

Our purpose is to enhance the quality of life for low and moderate income citizens; to preserve and revitalize neighborhoods; to foster diversity; and to improve the social, economic, and cultural health of communities of Windham and southern Windsor County.

Homeownership Center

- The Home Repair Program provides low cost loans to low and moderate income homeowners throughout Windham and Windsor counties to make critical home repairs. This includes repairs necessary to bring homes up to code and make them a safe place to live. A staff rehabilitation specialist inspects the home, determines which repairs are necessary, and works with the homeowner to plan and finance the project.
- One-to-one Counseling helps renters and homeowners navigate through their options and make smart decisions. The program is available to all residents in both counties. We provide homebuyer education, credit counseling, delinquency counseling, and foreclosure prevention counseling.
- The Shared Equity Program provides grants to income-eligible homebuyers to subsidize the purchase of single-family homes. Grants are used towards the purchase price of the land underneath the home, lowering the cost to the homebuyer. Windham & Windsor Housing Trust retains ownership of the land and ensures long-term affordability through special ground lease provisions.
- H.E.A.T. Squad provides services to any home owner to assist with energy efficiency upgrades.

Rental Housing Development Program: In order to meet the diverse housing needs of a community, WWHT develops affordable rental housing opportunities. This might take the form of housing rehabilitation or the construction of new apartments. WWHT can work with towns to plan for meeting affordable housing or community development needs.

Rental Housing Management Program: WWHT manages many of their rental properties and uses Stewart Property Management Services to manage the remaining properties. WWHT takes pride in the appearance of its multi-family housing and is committed to providing the staff and financial resources necessary to ensure long-term health and safety for its residents.

For more information, please visit us on the web at www.w-wht.org

HEALTH CARE & REHABILITATION SERVICES

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS) is a comprehensive community mental health provider serving residents of Windsor and Windham counties. HCRS assists and advocates for individuals, families, and children who are living with mental illness, developmental disabilities, and substance use disorders. HCRS provides these services through outpatient mental health services, alcohol and drug treatment program, community rehabilitation and treatment program, developmental services division, and alternatives and emergency services programs.

During FY14, HCRS provided 585 hours of services to 42 residents of the

Town of Guilford. The services provided included all of HCRS' programs resulting in a wide array of supports for the residents of Guilford.

Anyone with questions about HCRS services should contact George Karabakakis, Chief Executive Officer, at (802) 886-4500.

George Karabakakis
Chief Operating Officer

THE GATHERING PLACE

The Gathering Place (TGP) is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that has proudly served elders and adults with disabilities resident in Windham County since 1989. TGP is conveniently located on 30 Terrace Street in Brattleboro. Seniors and adult disabled individuals of a variety of ages, races, religions and socioeconomic status enjoy the benefits of the Center and its services. TGP is both a cost-effective way to minimize the stress of providing care at home and an affordable alternative to nursing facility placement. The center is open Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 5:00pm.

TGP's myriad of services and activities are designed to bring health, fun, laughter and companionship to the lives of our participants and peace of mind to their families. Our services include:

- nursing oversight;
- access to on-site counseling, and occupational and physical therapies;
- daily exercise program;
- recreation and social activities;
- nutritious meals and snacks;
- personal care (showers, podiatry, hairdressing);
- outreach services;
- companionship;
- special events;
- access to transportation and coordination of medical appointments.

Eileen Saffran
Executive Director

BRATTLEBORO SENIOR MEALS INC

Over the past fiscal year (10/1/13 – 9/30/14) we have served 7 residents in Guilford a total of 744 meals through our meals on wheels program. In our congregate dining program 20 participants were from Guilford.

Guilford residents are a small portion of our total clientele, but very important to serve. The Guilford meal route is 15 miles long and takes an hour to complete. Five regular volunteer meal drivers are Guilford residents. Three of them deliver regularly in Guilford. Costs involved in serving Guilford include meal packaging, staff recruitment time, and meal preparation.

Brattleboro Senior Meals served 34,323 meals this past year to a total of 712 individuals. 24,523 of these meals were delivered by 65 volunteers driving over 23,000 miles.

All of our meal programs are paid through a combination of participant donations, government reimbursement, and fundraising. Through these methods we are able pay for a majority of the expenses involved with preparing and distributing the meals. Local towns have been able to contribute small amounts to assist us with offsetting the costs of the meals.

Since 2006, the Town of Guilford has contributed \$350 each year to this important program. We request the same amount for FY2016

Thank you for considering us in your budget process.

Christine C. McAvoy
Executive Director

GUILFORD CARES

We would like to thank all the generous townspeople who have volunteered and contributed to Guilford Cares over the past year. Many residents have called on us for a variety of volunteer services. We are becoming a valuable asset to the Guilford community by providing, at no charge: Transportation; Friendly visits; Link-to-Life setup; Food Pantry; Medical equipment; Nurse visits.

We remain committed to helping elderly and other vulnerable Guilford residents to remain in their homes and their community. We depend on calls from friends, family and physicians who are concerned about someone in need of additional services.

The Food Pantry has grown steadily, from serving 11-14 families to an average of 24 families per week. We anticipate that this trend will continue. To meet the growing need for help with food, the Pantry has provided Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. Working with the Guilford Community Church, we launched a summer lunch program of weekly deliveries to the homes of school aged children.

Guilford Cares continues to collaborate on many fronts. We advertise our services at BMH, medical offices and nursing homes. We communicate regularly with Case Managers about people in need of additional services. We work with Guilford Community Church, Central School, Broad Brook Grange, and Senior Solutions. In an effort to foster awareness of our services and to work on ways to reach more residents effectively, we participate in a collaborative of Cares Groups of Windham County and on the Vermont Hunger Council. We are a presence twice per month at the senior luncheons at the Community Church where we run a blood pressure clinic and keep seniors up to date on our services.

Our medical equipment inventory has expanded, through generous donations, to include more wheel chairs, tub benches, commodes, walkers and medical supplies such as wound dressings, bandages, casts and hygiene supplies. Equipment donations and returns are always appreciated.

Guilford Cares has hired Leah Gessner as part time Community Coordinator and Joy Hayes as Guilford Cares nurse. In addition to making home visits, she has developed an advance planning package to help with life planning. Guilford Cares is working on heightening awareness of the importance of having an advance directive in place. We are available to discuss the process with anyone interested.

Currently we meet the second Wednesday of each month at the Guilford Town Offices at 6pm. All are welcome to attend. We have volunteer opportunities as well as 2 openings on our Board of Directors. For referrals, to volunteer or ask questions, call Leah at 579-1350.

Tina Blust
Board President

FRIENDS OF ALGIERS VILLAGE, INC

2014 saw the first full year of operation for the reopened Guilford Country Store. Located in the historic 1817 Broad Brook House in the heart of the Village, it has now regained its status as Guilford's "meet you at the store" place. Its bright, sun-lit cafe section with its delicious offerings has become a tempting place for meals and for take out. Friends Of Algiers Village Inc (FOAVI), the local 501(c)(3) non-profit, owns the property and Marc and Suzanne Tessitore own and operate the store business. The Tessitores bring years of store and catering business experience from their previous New York City operations - as well as having relatives in our area.

FOAVI continued its efforts to conserve the historic character of Algiers by placing the Broad Brook House on the National Register Of Historic Places. This insures that the building will always keep its historic features. In 2014 two apartments were rehabilitated on the second floor, one of them occupying the historic ballroom space located there. A fund drive and grants have now provided the financial support to prepare the "ell" of the building for additional commercial usage. This will include extending the sprinkler system, bringing floor and foundations up to code, and bringing more services to the Village.

To cope with the many goals of FOAVI, the Board of Directors has been expanded to 20 persons. Every director serves on one or more sub-committees and gives many hours of service each month, either to the Broad Brook House operations or to our broader village concerns.

No enterprise like FOAVI succeeds without local individuals and supportive help. FOAVI is especially grateful to those Guilford citizens who have given generously - in their time, by their financial support, and by their patronage - and to several state agencies and contractors. We are especially grateful to the Preservation Trust Of Vermont, with special thanks to their president, Paul Bruhn and his staff, and to Vermont's US Senator Patrick Leahy, who not only sponsored some federal grants for the store project but visited with his wife and spent time with some of our Guilford Central School pupils talking about this work.

Fred Humphrey

AIDS PROJECT OF SOUTHERN VERMONT

The AIDS Project of Southern Vermont (APSV) is a nonprofit, community-based AIDS Services Organization. With the help of the community, for the past 26 years APSV has offered case management and volunteer services to people living with HIV/AIDS, their families and partners. In 2014, APSV served 120 people living with HIV/AIDS through direct services.

Our food program this year served 98 individuals. In partnership with the Vermont Foodbank, APSV provided 788 frozen meals, 8,830 pounds of non-perishable food, 2,557 pounds of dairy products, 2,522 pounds of frozen meats and vegetables, 2,842 pounds of fresh vegetables including those from the Vermont Foodbank's Gleaning Program, and 2,314 pounds of household items. APSV also distributed 180 gift certificates to a local farm stand and through the volunteer help of faith communities and customers of the Brattleboro Food Co-op, we gath-

ered 2,098 items of non-perishable food or household items at a value of \$5,801 to distribute at no cost to clients.

Prevention staff and volunteers continue to provide HIV prevention services to those at higher risk for HIV. In 2014, these prevention services were offered to approximately 600 people. In addition, 57 individuals received anonymous HIV counseling, testing and referral.

APSV also provided training to staff members of human service agencies in the region on HIV/AIDS issues and advocated for people living with or at risk for HIV in areas of social justice, policy, legal and ethical issues, and equal access to community resources.

Although APSV does serve Guilford residents through its direct services and prevention programs, we do not publish the numbers of HIV-positive people served in each town out of respect for confidentiality concerns.

Please call at any time for more information at 254-8263.

Karen Peterson
Executive Director

VISITING NURSE & HOSPICE OF VT AND NH

Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH) is a compassionate, non-profit healthcare organization committed to providing the highest quality home health and hospice services to individuals and their families. VNH provides care for people of all ages and at all stages in life, and delivers care to all, regardless of ability to pay.

VNH services reduce costs associated with town programs for emergency response and elder care. With quality care provided at home, there is less need for costly hospital and emergency room trips. And with VNH support, residents can age in place rather than relocating to a state or local nursing home.

Between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2014, VNH made 892 homecare visits to 36 Guilford residents. This included approximately \$29,068 in unreimbursed care to Guilford residents.

- Home Health Care: 496 home visits to 27 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- Long Term Care: 167 home visits to 4 residents with chronic medical problems who needed extended care in the home to avoid admission to a nursing home.
- Hospice Services: 229 home visits to 5 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.

Additionally, residents made visits to VNH wellness clinics at local senior and community centers throughout the year, receiving low- and no-cost services including blood pressure screenings, foot care, cholesterol testing, and flu shots.

Guilford's annual appropriation to VNH helps to ensure that all have access to quality care when and where it is needed most. On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your continued support.

Jeanne McLaughlin
President & CEO

WINDHAM SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

July 1, 2014 was the start date for implementation of Act 148, Vermont's Universal Recycling Law, and WSWMD staff and town supervisors have spent considerable time assisting member towns in gearing up for the law. Most town transfer stations were already offering recycling along with trash collection so they were in compliance with the first phase of the law. However, starting July 1, 2015, Variable Rate Pricing (VRP), or Pay-As-You-Throw, becomes mandatory, and the District will pass an ordinance on behalf of member towns that requires trash haulers to register with WSWMD and provide a copy of their VRP plan. For information on Act 148 please visit the WSWMD's website: www.windhamsolidwaste.org.

During the past year, WSWMD continued to operate our 20-year old dual stream material recycling facility (MRF) in Brattleboro, losing significant amounts of recyclable materials to single stream programs being offered by some haulers. The District has over 100 roll-off containers that are utilized at town transfer stations and 24-7 recycling drop-off centers, and District trucks haul the boxes to the MRF. The District decided to continue providing the 24-7 recycling boxes until at least December 2015 to determine the impact of Act 148 on quantities of recyclables dropped off, and the extent of illegal dumping of trash in the boxes.

Due to a stagnant world economy, both the volume and value of the recyclable materials collected has decreased over the past two years, necessitating a 9 percent increase in the assessments to the member towns for FY 2015. Fortunately, the increase in the FY2016 budget was contained to just 5.6 percent despite additional educational program requirements of Act 148.

The District conducted 8 Household Hazard Waste (HHW) collections this year in Brattleboro, Guilford, Halifax, Newfane, Wardsboro, Westminster, Wilmington, and Winhall. A total of 595 households participated in the collections. WSWMD has increased household participation rates in the HHW collection every year since 2010 through use of direct mailing notices to residents. Act 148 eventually requires that four HHW collections per year be offered in each town.

In May 2014, WSWMD joined the Vermont Paintcare Program, which provides free recycling of leftover paints, primers, coatings, sealers, stains, shellacs, waterproofing and rust preventatives. We now offer year-round collection at our Brattleboro convenience center so that residents no longer have to wait for a hazardous waste collection event to recycle leftover paint products.

The District continues to grow its composting facility, which accepts food scraps and non-recyclable paper from the Town of Brattleboro's residential curbside collection program, the only such program in Vermont. By 2020, curbside residential food scrap collection will be mandatory. Our composting facility is also processing food scraps from supermarkets, and other large generators. With a grant from Vermont ANR, composting programs are being established at four regional middle and high schools in the District. In addition, the District began selling its compost to residents in the fall.

A project was started in 2014 to install solar panels on the 25-acre closed landfill owned by WSWMD. This will directly benefit member towns by providing lower cost electricity to towns and school districts.

The District offers tours of our facilities to schools and interested residents.

We also provide educational materials about reuse, recycling, composting, and we sell discounted backyard composters at the District office.

Robert L. Spencer
Executive Director

WOMEN'S FREEDOM CENTER

The mission of the Women's Freedom Center is to work to end physical, sexual, and emotional violence against the women and children of Windham County. The Freedom Center works to fulfill its mission by educating the community regarding the root causes of violence against women, challenging the systems that help keep it in place and by providing support and services, including shelter and safe housing, to women and their children who have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence. Since our beginnings in 1977, we have provided support to the survivors of these crimes, as well as consultation and educational activities to a wide range of community groups to help create a community in which violence is not tolerated.

Emergency support such as shelter, safety planning, financial assistance, and information and referral is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Ongoing individual and group support for women and children; legal, medical, housing and social services advocacy; and cooperative work with other agencies are provided during the week. Due to the rural nature of Windham County and the isolation inherent in many abusive relationships, we are committed to meeting with women wherever we may do so safely. Sometimes this means assisting her to get to us and other times it means us going to her, somewhere safe in her community.

During the fiscal year July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, the Freedom Center provided emergency supports to 10 women and their 17 children from Guilford. We also responded to over 1,000 crisis telephone calls during this time, several hundred of which did not specify their location, therefore some may well have been from your town. In addition, we provided access to legal representation, community education, school presentations and workshops, outreach, and emergency advocacy throughout Windham County.

The Women's Freedom Center is a private, non-profit organization relying heavily on community support to provide our free and confidential services. We thank you for your Town's contributions to the Freedom Center, and hope you will look upon it as an investment in creating a future free from violence, something we all deserve.

Vickie Sterling
Director

YOUTH SERVICES

Since Youth Services was established in 1972, we have assisted over 1,000 children, and families throughout Windham County annually. We help youth and families thrive. We help youth and young adults living in difficult circumstances learn the life skills that will assist them in living successfully on their own and as engaged and productive community citizens. Program services include:

- Big Brothers Big Sisters one-to-one mentoring
- Transitioning youth in foster care to independent living as young adults
- Assistance to teens leaving home or at-risk for running away with counseling, family mediation, and housing
- Home-based counseling to keep families together, thereby avoiding the placement of children outside their home
- Court Diversion for youth and adults, an alternative to the traditional court system using a restorative justice approach to repair the harm to victims and the community while addressing the underlying issues of the people who violated the law
- Therapeutic case management services, support and referral
- Career development focused groups and one-on-one mentoring for high school students with behavioral and learning disabilities
- Substance abuse prevention and intervention for youth and adults
- Supervised visitation and child advocacy services.

This year, we respectfully request \$1,605 from the Town of Guilford to help fund our agency's services. We served 12 residents from Guilford during FY2014. Your continued support is beneficial to the children, youth and families in your town.

For additional information please see our website at www.youthservicesinc.org, call 802-257-0361, or email info@youthservicesinc.org. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Julie Davenson
Executive Director

FRONT PORCH FORUM

Tune into our local Front Porch Forum.

Many local residents and public officials participate in our local Front Porch Forum (FPF). FPF is a Vermont-based online service that helps neighbors connect and build community by hosting local online conversations in every town in the state. To read more about missing pets, wildlife sightings, break-ins, road conditions, local events, recommendations, helping neighbors in need, and more, sign up (free of charge) at FrontPorchForum.com.

Cathi Wilken

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Your Health Department district office is in Brattleboro (232 Main St, Suite 3, 802-257-2880). Come visit or give us a call! At the Vermont Department of Health, we are working every day for your health. With our headquarters and laboratory in Burlington and 12 district offices around the state, we deliver a wide range of public health services and support to your community. For example, in 2014 the Health Department:

- Supported healthy communities: Brattleboro Area Prevention Coalition was awarded \$65,000 for tobacco control, and to promote increased access to healthy food and bicycle/pedestrian improvements. Five Prevention Coalitions in Windham County together received a second year \$130,000 Partnership for Success grant

to reduce underage and binge drinking and to reduce prescription drug misuse and abuse through a targeted regional approach.

- Provided WIC food and nutrition education to families: The WIC Program (Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program) served about half of all Vermont families with pregnant women and children to age 5. WIC provides individualized nutrition education and breastfeeding support, healthy foods, and a debit card to buy fruit and vegetables. In Guilford 49 women, infants and children were enrolled in WIC. The average value of foods provided is \$50 per person per month.
- Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease: From January through October, 2014 we responded to 193 cases of infectious disease in Windham County. In 2013, over \$13 million of vaccine for vaccine-preventable diseases were distributed to healthcare providers statewide; \$821,964 of which was in our district.
- Facilitated discussion on opiate addiction: Following the Governor's Forum on Opiate Addiction, regional meetings took place around the state. The Windham meeting was held at the Marlboro College campus with 55 participants. An active committee is meeting to support existing and new efforts. Please contact Prudence MacKinney, District Director, for more information.
- Started an Oral Health Program: In November, we hired an experienced public health dental hygienist as part of an effort to address serious oral health problems through prevention, education, and links to treatment.
- Distributed 16,858 doses of Potassium Iodide: Each person who lives or works in the towns of Brattleboro, Dummerston, Guilford, Halifax, Marlboro and Vernon may receive one free dose. Potassium iodide is a drug that, taken in an appropriate and timely dosage, can block exposure to radioactive iodine.
- Participated in Emergency Preparedness: VDH district office staff participated in a FEMA graded exercise to demonstrate the capabilities of responders to open and operate a reception center at the Bellows Falls Union High School.

BROAD BROOK GRANGE

Broad Brook Grange Hall in Guilford Center remains an important gathering place for activities in town. This local Grange was organized in 1874, and built its hall in 1896. It now has approximately 70 members, and welcomes others to join its ranks.

This is a very active organization. It holds three fundraising meals each year—the first local Sugar on Snow Supper of the season the first Saturday in March, a Mother's Day Brunch, and a Father's Day Brunch. It also hosts special performances, such as the reading of Dylan Thomas's *Under Milkwood* this past fall, and community dances.

As part of its community service role, it donates dictionaries each year to the third graders at Guilford Central School, hosts the May Green Up Day, serves as a polling place for elections, holds a Pre-Town Meeting, and is the destination for the annual Independence Day celebration.

Grange members are also busy at the annual Guilford Fair, from calling Bingo to hosting a King Arthur Baking Contest and a food concession. The Grange also partners with the Guilford Free Library for programs, and hosts a community Thanksgiv-

ing Dinner in November. Its members end the year with an annual Stocking Stuffing evening, filling holiday stockings to the brim to deliver to various residents in town. This past December, members delivered filled stockings to over 30 residents.

In late 2013, the Vermont Council on Rural Development facilitated a three-month Community Visit process in Guilford, bringing residents together for a series of forums to talk about Guilford's identity and assets, and to draw up and prioritize a list of possible projects to strengthen the community for the future. The redevelopment of the Grange as a community center was the #1 priority selected. As a result, a task force comprised of Grange and community members was created in January 2014 to further work on ways to increase the accessibility and future of this Hall for the wider community. This task force continues to meet regularly, and, in cooperation with Broad Brook Grange, looks towards solutions that will keep this community asset going long into the future.

Carole Mills
Secretary

CONNECTICUT RIVER TRANSIT

The Current, operated by Connecticut River Transit, Inc. (CRT) appreciated the support received from the Town of Guilford this year, and requests a town contribution of \$250 for FY15. CRT is a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) transit provider providing transportation services to 30 towns in Windham and Southern Windsor counties. The types of services provided by the Current are commuter, in-town, town-to-town, Elderly and Disabled (E&D) and non-emergency medical transportation services.

Funding sources are the Federal Transit Association (FTA), Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans), and Vermont Department of Health, towns, businesses, donations and fares. Our mission is to provide a safe, reliable and efficient transportation system that supports economic opportunity and quality of life for the communities we serve.

Ridership in FY14 CRT service to your town: Dial-A-Ride service to Guilford Residents: 1,582 rides and 35,224 miles, costing \$21,134 and includes medical rides for elderly, disabled and/or children and families who receive Medicaid

Ridership in FY14 services to the region: Commuter bus service to the Upper Valley, Okemo and Brattleboro: 78,499. Non-Commuter bus service to the General Public: 83,040. Human Services transportation, including E & D, Medicaid and Taxi network: 199,446.

The Grant awards to CRT provide for public transit and bus purchases, and require at least 20% local support in the form of matching funds. Our goal is a broad base of support so no one funding partner carries too much of the cost. The riders who use the service and the businesses whose employees and clients ride public transit on CRT routes contributed 5% of the revenue budgeted for FY14. The local contributions (comprised of the three categories below) in FY14 were over \$211,253: Individual donations: \$19,558; Businesses served by CRT commuter, general public and human services transit: \$165,395; Towns in CRT service areas: \$40,300.

CRT requests funding from the 30 towns we serve. The amount requested is determined by a fair share allocation based on bus routes that have stops in your

town, the number of Dial-A-Ride buses in your town and the number of trips CRT provides to residents in your town on all scheduled services including Medicaid and E&D. While CRT has seen an increase in expenses for all its services, the amount of appropriation requested from your town remains the same, as it has done for the past 7 years.

The total of town donations this year is \$40,300, less than 1% of the total CRT budget. Although a small percentage, it is a very important percentage. These donations provide the matching funds that allow CRT to access the State and Federal grants, private foundations and the human service transportation contracts in the amount of \$3,636,696 in FY14.

Connecticut River Transit, Inc. could not provide the services or purchase the buses without every contribution made by you, the local community. We are very grateful to you for providing the opportunity to serve your needs.

Please contact us by email: rgagnon@crtransit.org, phone (802) 460-7433 x 201 or visit our website at www.crtransit.org and let us know how CRT may improve service in your community.

Rebecca Gagnon
General Manager

GREEN UP DAY 2014

In Guilford, on the first Saturday in May, Broad Brook Grange transforms into Guilford's Green Up Headquarters. The Guilford Town Road Crew parks two trucks to be filled with roadside garbage found by folks of all ages, out to clean up our town. Volunteers bring fresh baked treats and the Grange provides hot and cold beverages. "Caution, Green Up In Progress" signs are posted along roads and cones from the Guilford Fire Dept warn motorists to slow down. Volunteers arrive, sign in, grab a cup of coffee or a muffin and several Green Up bags, and add their name to a Guilford map indicating where they will work. Folks are reminded to use their gloves, watch for poison ivy, and the hunt is on for the most unusual find.

Green Up Day is a special day when Vermonters clean and spruce up their communities. Vermont was the first state in our nation to designate a day for such cleaning of the entire state.

"Green Up Vermont" is the not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization that works to enhance our state's natural landscape and waterways and the livability of our communities by involving people in Green Up Day and educating about the benefits of a litter free environment.

Information about local Green Up activities can be found in the Brattleboro Reformer generally late in April. You can also go online to www.greenupvermont.org for more information or to download a coloring book, Green Up curriculum, or information about their annual contests. If you have questions, contact Elly Majonen, Guilford's Green Up Coordinator at ellymajonen@yahoo.com or Becky Anderson, Windham County Chairman at 257-4851. You can also check the Guilford town website for Green Up information at www.guilfordvt.net. **GreenUp is a great way for BUHS students to earn community service hours.**

Please remember that Green Up Day is NOT the time to dispose of your own

personal garbage, tires or old furniture. The purpose is to clean up roadside garbage. The Town of Guilford is charged for each and every tire collected on Green Up Day. You can bring your old tires to Windham Solid Waste/Brattleboro Recycling on Old Ferry Road in Brattleboro throughout the year. Call ahead to confirm hours of operation at 802-257-0272 and cost.

TOWN OFFICES FOR 2014

		TERM EXPIRES
Moderator	Neil Quinn	2015
Town Clerk	Penny Marine	2017
Treasurer	Penny Marine	2017
Selectboard	Troy Revis, Jr.	2015
	Anne Rider	2016
	Richard Clark	2017
Listers	Dick Smith	2015
	Jeremiah Sund	2016
	Lisa Barry	2017
Auditors	Cathrine Wilken	2015
	Elly Majonen	2016
	Neil Quinn	2017
Town Agent	Patricia Beu	2015
Union High School Director	Shaun Murphy	2015
School Directors	Beth Bristol	2015
	Jessica Cheslawski	2015
	Erin Tkaczyk (appointed)	2015
	Steve Redmond	2016
	Alice Revis (Chair)	2017
Library Trustees	Carol Schnabel	2015
	Mimi Morton	2016
	Rebecca Anderson	2017
	Laura Lawson Tucker	2017
	Judith Serkin	2018
	Sandra Cortes	2019
	Richard Wizansky	2019
Trustees of Public Funds	Don McLean	2015
	Todd Mandell	2016
	Penny Marine	2017
Grand Jurors	Merton Garland	2015
	Don McLean	2015
Trustees of Warren Wilder Fund	Evelyn McLean	2015
	David Franklin	2015
Cemetery Commissioners	Shaun Murphy	2015
	Bill Murray	2016
	Eric Morse	2017
	Gerald Baker	2018

	Verandah Porche	2019
Justice of the Peace	Betsy Bates, Ind.	2016
	Sara Coffey, Dem.	2016
	Amanda Franklin, Ind.	2016
	Patricia Haine, Dem.	2016
	Frederick Humphrey, Dem.	2016
	Doug Hunt, Rep.	2016
	Don McLean, Ind.	2016
	Lori Nelson, Dem.	2016
	Maryann Parrott, Dem.	2016
	Cathrine Wilken, Dem.	2016
Selectboard Appointments (effective through March 10, 2015)		
Road Commissioner	Daniel Zumbruski	2015
Delinquent Tax Collector	Barbara M. Hunt	2014
Constable	Walter Thorn	2015
Fence Viewers	Daniel Zumbruski	2015
	Daniel L. Ingold	2015
	Merton Garland	2015
Conservation Commission	Linda Lembke	2015
	Karen Murphy	2015
	William Jewell	2016
	Susan James	2016
	Sara Quine	2017
	Linda Hecker, Chair	2017
	Rory Lincoln	2018
	Marli Rabinowitz	2018
	Bevan Quinn	2018
Dog Officer	Water Thorn	2015
Alternate Dog Officer	Marianne Lawrence	2015
Windham Regional Commission	Richard Clark	2015
	William Murray	2015
Planning Commission	Chuck Clark	2015
	Hal Kuhns	2015
	Harry Evans	2015
	Jackie Gaines	2016
	Michelle Frehsee, Chair	2016
	Herbert Meyer	2016
	Andy Loughney	2018
	Sheila Morse	2018
	Tanya Balsley	2018
Town Pound	Marianne Lawrence	2015
EM Co-Director	Herbert Meyer	2015
EM Co-Director	Candace Stoumen	2015
Council on Aging Rep.	OPEN	2015
Energy Coordinator	Michael Marcy	2015
Tree Warden	Daniel Zumbruski	2015
Rescue Trustee	OPEN	2015

WSWMD Directors	Cheryl Franklin2015
	Reed Cutting, Alternate2015
	Troy Revis, Jr.2015
Low Level Waste	Stephen Detra2015
	Daniel Ingold2015
	John G. Kristensen.....2015
Green-up Day Coordinator	Elly Majonen2015
Bullock Edu Loan Committee	Laura Lewis.....2015
	Stephanie Case.....2016
	Kathryn Mason.....2017
Revolving Loan Fund	Herbert Meyer.....2015
	Troy Revis, Jr.2016
	Calvin Grandy2017
Appointed by Town Clerk	
Assistant Town Clerk	Peter Hetzel
Appointed by Treasurer	
Assistant Treasurer	Peter Hetzel
State of Vermont Appointments	
Health Officer	Richard Clark
Deputy Health Officer	Dan Ingold.....
Fire Warden	Dan Stoughton
Deputy Fire Warden	Michael Tkaczyk
Service Officer	Richard Davis
Rep. to Legislature	Michael Hebert

VITAL STATISTICS
July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014

BIRTHS

July 16, '13	Kalijah David Isaacsen	Tiegua M Isaacsen
August 3	Hanna Jane Petty	Amy Wood & Daemon Petty
August 3	Ada Hallowell Roberts	Emma Hallowell & Michael Roberts
August 14	Daix Aurora Monette	Cambrie D Johnson
August 26	Mason Edward Eastman	Kathryn Forbes & Michael Eastman
September 2	Anne Darwin Brooks	Nathaniel & Ariel Brooks
October 10	Hunter Zachery Lynch	Jesse & Shirley Lynch
January 2, '14	Ziva Gale Woods	Heath RZ & Victoria G Woods
February 6	Elijah Joseph Sherman	Tara Brooks & Kaleb Sherman
March 13	Marcus Joseph Bessette	Amber I Bessette
April 10	Melody Flower Fasarakis	Celine M Marino & Bill Fasarakis
April 20	Logan Thomas Gray	Ashley M Kane & James R Gray II
April 25	Sorrel Locke Sharma	Thayer M Tomlinson & Amit Sharma

MARRIAGES

July 2, 2013	Robin C Mide	Guilford, VT
	Jo H Schneiderman	Guilford, VT

July 7, 2013	Charles C Shepard Diana D Thomas	Guilford, VT Guilford, VT
August 3, 2013	Jody A Hauser Eric G Hoyer	Guilford, VT Guilford, VT
September 7, 2013	Erik E Coughlin Dakota N Powell	Guilford, VT Guilford, VT
October 10, 2013	Todd Mandell Richard Wizansky	Guilford, VT Guilford, VT
October 10, 2013	Charlotte A Marcy Paul M Mansur	Guilford, VT Guilford, VT
October 12, 2013	Sandra J Stevens Donald W McAllister	Guilford, VT Guilford, VT
October 12, 2013	Savannah M Cutting Brian M Casey	Guilford, VT Guilford, VT
October 20, 2013	Judith D Freed Gerald D Weiss	Guilford, VT Guilford, VT
October 31, 2013	Edith Platt Kathleen Thomas	Guilford, VT Guilford, VT
December 21, 2013	Christopher N Morgan Stephanie J DeNicolò	Spofford, NH Spofford, NH
December 31, 2013	Alisha R Wilcox Robert E Kaepfel	Guilford, VT Guilford, VT
February 14, 2014	William D Heyman Ricky L Garren	Guilford, VT Guilford, VT
March 30, 2014	Hilary E Duhaime Joshua J Lamoureux	Guilford, VT Guilford, VT
April 18, 2014	Christine K Bearse Kimberly M Myrick	Stuart, FL Stuart, FL
May 3, 2014	Richard H Coutant Verandah Porche	Guilford, VT Guilford, VT
May 24, 2014	Karen M Sullivan John E Jutras	Guilford, VT Guilford, VT
May 23, 2014	Alexandra D Schultz Jeffrey W Oliver	Brattleboro, VT Guilford, VT
June 18, 2014	Celine Marino Bill Fasarakis	Guilford, VT Guilford, VT
June 21, 2014	Lynn Latulippe Brian King	Guilford, VT Guilford, VT

DEATHS

July 18, 2013	Pisciotta, Vita K	85
August 6, 2013	Lee, Jr. Thomas F	82
August 21, 2013	Spencer, Philip W	84
August 25, 2013	Morse, Robert C	87
August 30, 2013	McAllister, Garnold H	88
September 12, 2013	Gates, Anita	40
November 18, 2013	Norwood, Duncan A	30

January 22, 2014	Humphrey, Dorothy P	86
January 28, 2014	Shield, Jr. Kenneth R	50
February 14, 2014	Gonyea, Barbara A	47
February 15, 2014	Davis, Lawrence T	53
March 12, 2014	Squiers, Stillman C	79
May 19, 2014	Samet, Ronald M	79

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS - 2014

MARCH 4

2014 SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING SUMMARY

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am.

ARTICLE 2: To elect a School District Moderator for the ensuing year. Neil Quinn was re-elected by voice vote.

ARTICLE 3: Moved and voted that the Town School District authorize the Board to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ARTICLE 4: The School Board was authorized to accept and expend categorical grants and aid received from the State of Vermont and the United States Government.

ARTICLE 5: It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$37,000 to the Major Repair Fund.

ARTICLE 6: Moved and voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,000 to the Bus Fund.

ARTICLE 7: It was voted to transfer \$3,015 from the Education Reserve Fund Balance in order to defray FY15 expenses.

ARTICLE 8: The assembly voted to appropriate out of the unreserved, undesignated Fund Balance of June 30, 2013 the sum of \$91,985 for the purpose of reducing the tax rate and defraying FY 2015 expenses.

ARTICLE 9: It was moved that the school district raise and appropriate \$2,918,250.00 to defray the expenses and liabilities for the period of July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. After discussion the article was adopted by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 am.

2014 TOWN MEETING SUMMARY

ARTICLE 1: Neil Quinn was elected Moderator.

ARTICLE 2: It was voted that the Auditors' report be adopted as printed

ARTICLE 3: The report of the Library Trustees was accepted as printed.

ARTICLE 4: A motion that the number of Library Trustees be increased from six to seven was approved.

ARTICLE 5: The following officers were elected: Trustee of Public Funds, Penny Marine; Grand Jurors, Merton Garland and Don McLean; Library Trustees, Sandra Cortes and Richard Wizansky; Trustees of the Warren Wilder Fund, David Franklin and Evelyn McLean; Cemetery Commissioners, Verandah Porche and Gerald Baker.

ARTICLE 6: The Town voted to approve Highway Fund expenditures in the amount of \$801,912.00 for fiscal year July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015, for which revenues will be raised through taxes and other sources.

ARTICLE 7: It was moved and voted that the Town vote to approve General Fund expenditures in the amount of \$713,268.00 for the fiscal year July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015, for which revenues will be raised through taxes and other sources.

ARTICLE 8: A motion that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200.00 for the support of the Windham & Windsor Housing Trust to provide services to residents of Guilford was adopted after discussion.

We broke for lunch at 11:45 and reconvened at 12:50 pm.

ARTICLE 9: The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,200.00 for Guilford Cares.

ARTICLE 10: It was voted to continue membership in the Windham Regional Commission, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,857.64 to defray the Town's share of its expenses.

ARTICLE 11: A motion that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,000.00 for the Guilford Free Library was adopted by voice vote.

ARTICLE 12: The assembly voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$201,726.00 for the Guilford Volunteer Fire Department.

ARTICLE 13: The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,880.00 for the following Human Service Organizations: Youth Services, \$1,605.00; Women's Freedom Center, \$1,000.00; Morningside, \$500.00; Visiting Nurse Alliance, \$5,800.00; Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), \$485.00; HCERS (Mental Health), \$3,000.00; Council on Aging (Senior Solutions), \$850.00; Brattleboro Area Hospice, \$300.00; Gathering Place, \$500.00; Brattleboro Senior Meals, \$350.00; Green Up Vermont, \$150.00; Brattleboro Area Drop-In Center, \$500.00; Early Education Services, \$850.00; AIDS Project of Southern VT, \$350.00; Connecticut River Transit, \$250.00; Windham Childcare Association, \$350.00; SEVCA, \$2,040.00.

ARTICLE 14: It was voted that the Town exempt from taxation for five years (4/1/2014-3/31/2019) the real estate owned by the Guilford Volunteer Fire Department.

ARTICLE 15: It was voted that the Town exempt from taxation for five years (4/1/2014-3/31/2019) the real estate owned by the Guilford Recreation Club.

ARTICLE 16: It was voted that the Town exempt from taxation for five years (4/1/2014-3/31/2019) the real estate owned by the Guilford Fair Association.

ARTICLE 17: It was voted that the Town exempt from taxation for five years (4/1/2014-3/31/2019) the real estate owned by Broad Brook Grange No. 151.

ARTICLE 18: The Town voted to collect its taxes through the Treasurer without discount. Interest at 1% per month or fraction thereof will be charged after October 15.

ARTICLE 19: A number of non-binding subjects were discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35pm.

2015 TOWN MEETING WARNING

The legal voters of the Town of Guilford, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Guilford Central School Gymnasium in the Town of Guilford on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, between the hours of ten o'clock (10:00) in the forenoon (a.m.), at which time the polls will open, and seven o'clock (7:00) in the afternoon (p.m.), at which time the polls will close, to vote by AUSTRALIAN BALLOT upon the following order of business:

To elect all necessary Town Officers for the following positions, as required by 17 V.S.A. §2640: Selectperson, 3 year term; Lister, 3 year term; Lister, 3 year term*; Auditor, 3 year term; Town Agent, 1 year term.

* This Lister position will fill the remainder of the vacated office for which the term will expire in 2016.

The legal voters of the Town of Guilford, Vermont, are further notified and warned to meet at the Guilford Central School (gymnasium) in the Town of Guilford on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, at the hour of ten o'clock (10:00) in the forenoon (a.m.) at which time the Guilford Town Meeting will commence to act upon the following Articles of business:

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2: To hear the report of the Town Auditors.

ARTICLE 3: To hear the report of the Library Trustees (22 V.S.A., §144).

ARTICLE 4: To elect the following officers: Trustee of Public Funds (1), Grand Jurors (2), Library Trustee (1), Trustees of the Warren Wilder Fund (2), and Cemetery Commissioner (1).

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town vote to increase the number of Selectboard members from three (3) to five (5); each newly created position will be for a term of two (2) years [17 V.S.A. §2650(b)]?

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town vote to approve the public use of Town Parcel #240.1 for the creation of a village common green and children's natural play area for enjoyment and educational purposes? The Town of Guilford will not be responsible for any costs associated with development or ongoing maintenance.

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town vote to approve Highway Fund expenditures in the amount of \$870,516.00 for fiscal year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, for which revenues will be raised through taxes and other sources (17 V.S.A. §2664)?

ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town vote to approve General Fund expenditures in the amount of \$998,326.50 for the fiscal year July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016, for which revenues will be raised through taxes and other sources (17 V.S.A. §2664)?

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,200.00 for Guilford Cares (24 V.S.A. §2691)?

ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town vote to continue membership in the Windham Regional Commission and raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,957.00 to defray the Town's share of its expense?

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to bond or borrow a sum not to exceed \$150,000.00 to match grants received for the repair and rehabilitation of the Green River Covered bridge?

ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,000.00 for the Guilford Free Library?

ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 219,458.00 for the Guilford Volunteer Fire Department?

ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,880.00 for the following Human Service Organizations (24 V.S.A. §2691):

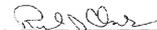
Youth Services.....	\$1,605.00
Women’s Crisis Center.....	\$1,000.00
Morningside.....	\$500.00
Visiting Nurse Alliance.....	\$5,800.00
Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP).....	\$485.00
HCRS (Mental Health).....	\$3,000.00
Council on Aging.....	\$850.00
Brattleboro Area Hospice.....	\$300.00
Gathering Place.....	\$500.00
Brattleboro Senior Meals.....	\$350.00
Green Up Vermont.....	\$150.00
Brattleboro Area Drop-In Center.....	\$500.00
Early Education Services.....	\$850.00
AIDS Project of Southern VT.....	\$350.00
Connecticut River Transit.....	\$250.00
Windham Childcare Association.....	\$350.00
SEVCA.....	\$2,040.00

ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town collect its taxes through the Treasurer without discount? Interest at 1% per month or fraction thereof will be charged after October 15th.

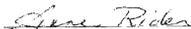
ARTICLE 16: Transact any other business that may lawfully come before said meeting.

The legal voters of the Town of Guilford are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting relative to said meeting shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Dated, this 26th day of January, 2015, in Guilford.


Richard Clark, Selectboard - Chair

Troy Revis, Jr., Selectboard


Anne Rider, Selectboard

2014 GUILFORD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

The legal voters of the Town School District of Guilford are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Guilford Central School in said Town of Guilford on Tuesday, the third (3rd) day of March next at 10:00 am to act on the following articles, viz.:

ARTICLE 1: To elect all necessary Town School District officers for the ensuing

year: one School Director for three year term; and two School Directors for one year terms; one Brattleboro Union High School District #6 Director for a three year term. (By Australian Ballot).

ARTICLE 2: To elect a School District Moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town School District will authorize the Board to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town School District will authorize its School Board to accept and expend categorical grants and aid received from the State of Vermont and the United States Government.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to the Major Repair Fund.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,000 to the Bus Fund.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town School District will vote to use \$30,000 from the Education Reserve Fund Balance in order to reduce FY2016 Taxes.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town School District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the expenses and liabilities for the period of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, and, if so, in what amount.

ARTICLE 9: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Dated at Guilford this 20th day of January 2015.

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ALICE REVIS, Chairman	BETH BRISTOL
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STEPHEN KEDDOND, Vice-Chairman	JESSICA GIESLAWSKI

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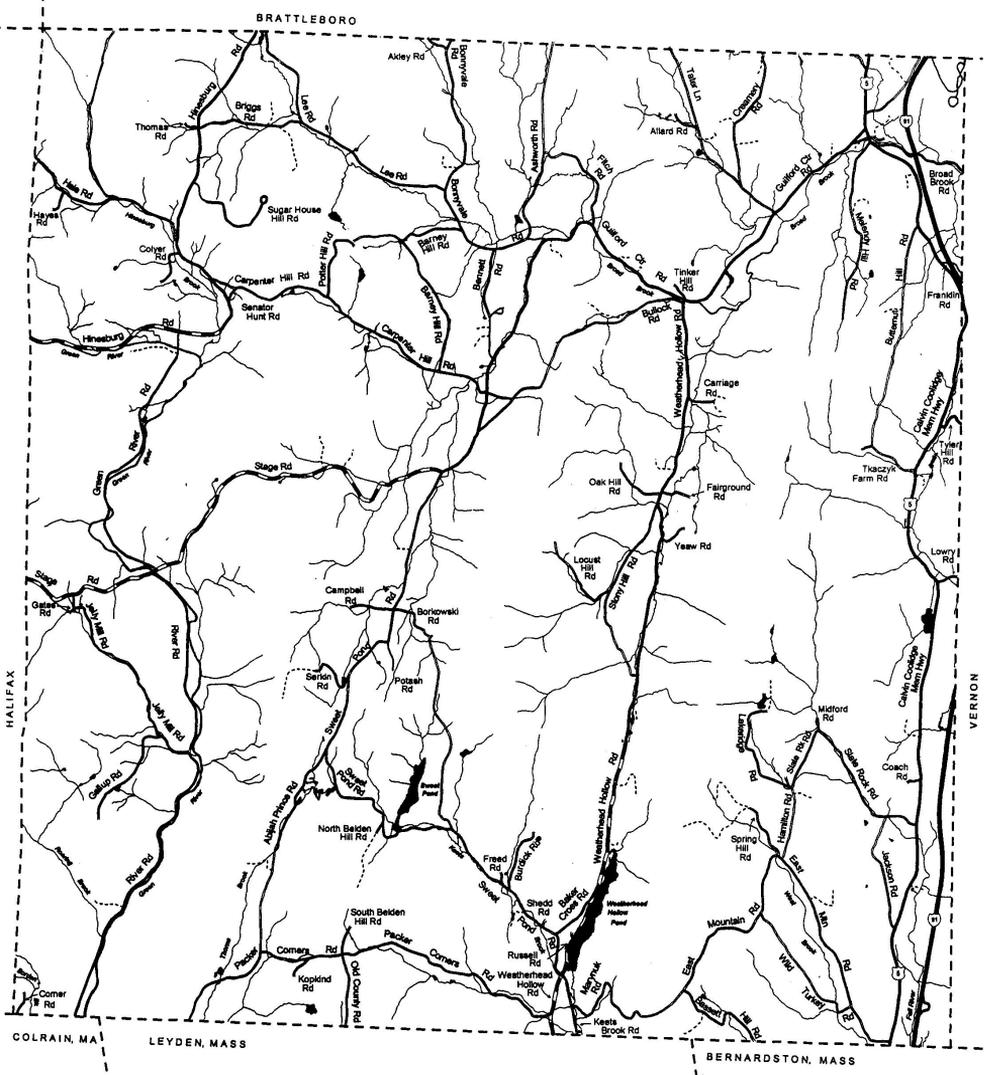


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This small map cannot show the names of all roads, but there is a beautiful large map, available at the Town Office for only \$10, that has road and drive names, as well as much other detail, and in color too.

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